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'Pleasure revenge' sweeps America

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City warned 5 years ago of \$2.5bn fraud

World's biggest financial scandal

FORMAL warn-ing which could billion copper Sumitomo Corporation was received nearly five years ago by the City-based regulators who police the international commodity markets.

Evidence that Yasuo Hamanaka, a Sumitomo dealer had been involved in falsify had been involved in falsify. 30, is regarded as the most ing details of copper deals had powerful player in the entire Metal Exchange's chief execu-tive, David King, in November 1991, according to documents

est ever ilnancial irau threw global markets into turmoil As the Serious Fraud Office and City of London Police joined financial regula-tors from across the world to investigate allegations of a global conspiracy to rig the copper market, the metal's price tumbled by more than 8

per cent to \$1,980 a tonne. The announcement that Sumitomo, one of Japan's biggest corporations, had lost more than \$2.5 billion prompted City authorities to work throughout Thursday night to draw up emergency measures to prevent the col-lapse of financial markets.

Sumitomo made the an-nouncement late on Thursday after receiving the findings of a worldwide investigation a wormwine investigation into allegations of market rigging which are being pursued by United States and British regulators and local police.

Potential evidence was obtained in a raid on three obtained in a raid on three premises in Guernsey on May

11 by the island's fraud squad and representatives from the City watchdog, the Securities and Investment Board.

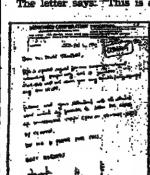
When the findings were presented to Sumitomo, a leading copper trader which deals extensively on the London Metal Exchange, the company decided it had to make

LME chief David King on November 22, 1991 contained clear details that Mr. Hamanaka had been falsifying commodity market who had a

crucial role in fixing the world's copper price.

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The documents contain copies of a series of handwritten pages which were faxed on October I, 1991, to the offices of an American metals broker with whom Mr. Hamanaka dealt in the past. The letter says: This is a



The letter from Hamanaka and the warning to David King page 22



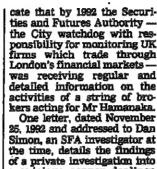
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uals) is the tip of the iceberg."

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details of a huge transaction struck in mid-1993 with Sumi-

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inquiry into Winchester was subsequently widened to

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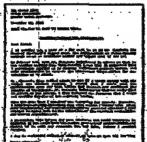
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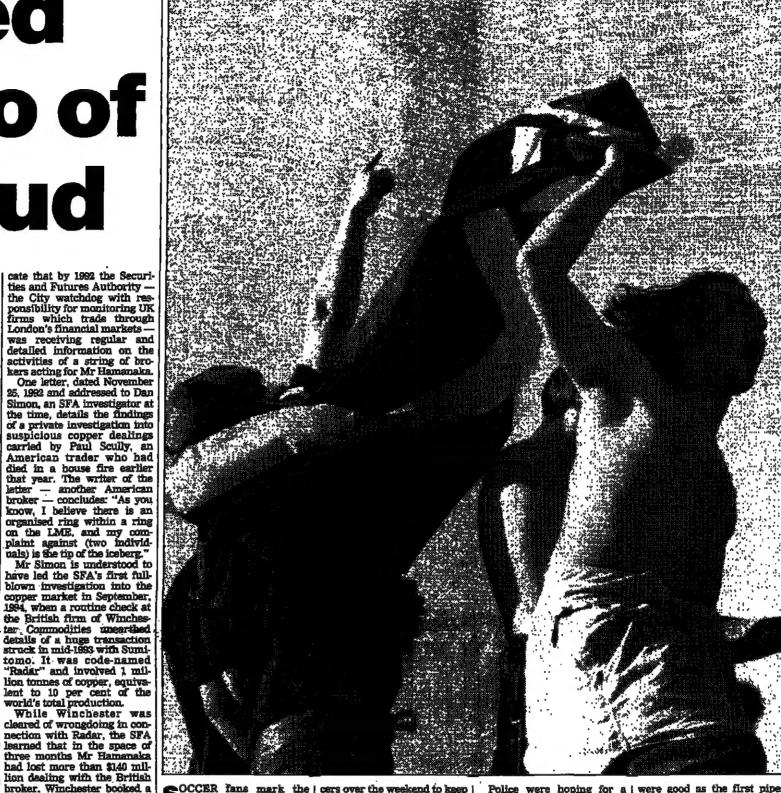
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spondence yesterday, Mr King said: "Appropriate action has been taken whenever such ained by the Guardian indi-



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SOCCER fans mark the arrival of the 20,000 strong Tartan Army which de-scended on London last night, requiring an extra 1,000 offi-

cers over the weekend to keep the peace for today's Euro 96 match at Wembley between England and Scotland, writes

cenes in Birmingham for the Scots game against Holland, and early signs yesterday

PHOTOGRAPH: TOM JENKINS

Honours for pop fiction queens

Ruth Rendell and Joanna Trollope are among the stars in today's birthday line-up

OHN Major today hon ours two heroines of Middle England's taste in fiction when he gives a CBE to the crime writer Ruth Rendell (left) and an OBE to Joanna Trollope (right), pioneer of the "Aga

saga".

They are part of a clutch of awards to leading figures from the arts, media and entertainment world published in the Queen's birth-day bonours list, including a knighthood for George Martin — the musical driving force behind the Beatles and an OBE for the Banzor-born rock singer Van

Morrison. Among the 62 awards for olitical service is a rare Labour knighthood - for Ray Powell, the MP for Ogmore and the former pair-ing whip who last year stood down as the orga-



niser of Labour's office accommodation in the Commons, and Privy Council honours for the shadow chancellor Gordon Brown, and shadow foreign secretary Robin Cook, and for whips Donald Dewar and Don Dixon. And Judge Stanker Turning dramad Stephen Tumim, dropped as Chief Inspector of Pris-ons because he was too liberal, is rewarded with a

knighthood. Heading the lengthy list of media honours is Marmaduke Hussey, who retired this year as the longest-serving chairman of the BBC and becomes a life peer.

Former Channel 4 chief executive Jeremy Isaacs, now director general of the Royal Opera House, is knighted for his services to the arts and broadcasting. as is William Brown, former chairman of the Scottish Arts Council and of



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I've had a bellyful, says Major

OHN Major yesterday said he had a "bellyful" of Tory infighting, warning party activists that they cannot afford to be distracted from their main task of winning the general election. His exasperated appeal for party unity followed a fresh bout of internal squabbling, sparked by Baroness Thatcher and rebel backbenchers.

The Prime Minister, clearly worried by the increasingly confrontational feuding over policy on Europe, made no direct reference by name to his predecessor - who on Thursday renewed her feud with him by making a substantial donation to Bill Cash's European Foundation

or the dissident MPs. But one of them, Harrow East MP Hugh Dykes, had earlier fuelled the row by accusing government whips

of a "hysterical reaction" over his battle to save a hospiover his battle to save a hospital casualty department in North London. He and Sir John Gorst, MP for Hendon North, had threatened to destroy Mr. Major's Commons majority of one unless the 24majority of one unless the 24-hour unit at Edgware Hospital was kept open, and were given a serious dressing down by the Chief Whip, Alastair Goodlad, after their "victory"

Departing from the prepared text of his speech to the pared text of his speech to the Wesh Tories' conference in Porthcawl, Mr Major told del-egates. "There's no time for distractions. We can't afford them. We need to go out there, on to the doorsteps, all of us without exception, fighting the Conservative cause and putting our case to the nation that would face such difficul-ties were they to have an

was leaked to the press.

alternative government." in an interview published yesterday in the Western Mail; he said: "The Govern-

ment's policy on Europe is set | the quite legitimate and out in the white paper. I am not going to be distracted by noises off on one side, or noises off on the other side. I have had a bellyful of that."

The difference in the dutte legitimate and proper initiative that John Gorst and I have taken recently to save Edgware General Hospital emergency services." He accused the His warning came at the end of a disastrous week for

over Britain's future in Europe, which included the provocative intervention by Lady Thatcher. But while the Prime Minister was assuing his plea for unity, Mr Dykes said during a constituency visit that the party's treatment of him and Sir John was "over the top".

by a series of damaging rows

He warned Mr Major that the Conservatives would lose the general election unless the party scrapped its "fan-tasy of right-wing nonsense" and returned to centre-

ground policies. In his statement, he said: "I am staggered and appalled et the absurdly hysterical reac-tion of my party colleagues to

Whips' Office of behaving like "hysterical children" and alled Mr Goodlad "pathetic". But the Conservative Party chairman, Brian Mawhinney,

Labour pounced gleefully on the squabbling. The deputy leader, John Prescott, said: "While John Major complains that he has had a belly-ful of problems inside his own party, he should realise the nation has had a bellyful of

refused to criticise Mr Dykes

in an attempt to play down

his government." Lady Thatcher had earlier left her Belgravia home stonyfaced and refused to make any comments on her endorsement of Mr Cash.

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closer co-operation with Rus-sia had been made condi-

tional on Nato abandoning its.

plans for enlargement, Mr Perry said: "No. No linkage."

Nato ministers appeared uncertain about whether Rus-

sia's call for closer co-opera-tion marked a softening in op-

position to enlargement.
Michael Portillo, the Defence
Secretary, said Mr Grachev
had been "strongly unenthusiastic" about the plan.

Other Nato sources said Mr Grachev could hardly have abandoned Moscow's argu-

ments against Nato expansion

two days before Russia's pres-

idential election on Sunday.

"I was struck by how low-

"I was struck by how low-key the whole discussion was. It may be that the Yelfsin team will gradually accept a limited Nato enlargement after the election, provided that there is no question of forward string of foreign

troops or nuclear weapons on

the Russian frontier in the new member states," one

Poland, the Czech Republic and Hungary remain the most favoured candidates for ad-

mission when the issue is dis-

cussed at the end of the year.

When it comes to how Rus-

sia expresses its views about

Nato enlargement, Moscow is

holding out carrots, there is no stick," a diplomat said.

Mr Grachev refused to com-

ment on the issue of enlarge-

ment. 'I have come to the con-

clusion there is the aspiration

for deeper and closer contacts between us," he said. "On the basic idea we are one — that

is to broaden and deepen rela-tions with Nato on all mili-tary and political issues."

Russia to

John Palmer in Brusnels

to forge closer politi-cal and military links in spite of dif-ferences over plans to accept

countries in central Europe

meeting in Brussels yester-day endorsed proposals from the Russian defence minister, Pavel Grachev, for intensive

co-operation on issues including joint weapons develop ment, arms control and me

sures to combat international

terrorism and drug-

trafficking.
Mr Grachev said after the

meeting that Russia was will-ing to commit troops to any

later peacekeeping operation in Bosnia when the mandate of the I-For mission runs out

at the end of the year. The former Soviet army

general accepted an invita-

tion to station senior Russian military officers permanently at the alliance's military

headquarters in Belgium and

agreed to have a Nato officer

appointed to his military gen-eral staff in Moscow.

relations with a non-enlarged

alliance in the interests of

pan-European security," Mr

Grachev told the 16 Nato de-

fence ministers. In turn, they emphasised the "constructive

and friendly atmosphere" of

The United States defence

"We are ready to develop

as new members of Nato.

ATO and Russia are

Talks fail to nail down deal for Bosnia elections

John Hooper in Florence

FIRM commitment to holding elections in Bosnia eluded an international conference last night which had been widely expected to set a date for

At the end of the two-day meeting, the 45 countries and 15 international organisations present also failed to take any decision that would make possible the arrest of the Bosnian Serb leader, Radovan Karadzic, who has been indicted for war crimes.

A final statement said the Bosnian Serbs' representatives had been told clearly that the "continuation in public authority of Mr Karadzic was unacceptable" and that "he should remove himself from the political

But the statement gave no indication of what would hap-pen if Mr Karadzic held on to his position. As if to mock the impotence of the great pow-ers, the Bosnian Serb prime minister, Gojko Klickovic, suggested Mr Karadzic might be a candidate if the ballot went ahead, calling him "a democrat in his scul".

An arms control pact, which is crucial to the implementation of last year's Day-ton peace agreement, did emerge from the meeting. But the deal - which set limits to the levels of arms each side can have — should have been concluded last Tuesday at separate talks in Oslo. It was held up by a squabble.

The Dayton accords call for elections in Bosnia by September 14, but make the Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) responsible for deciding if conditions are suitable. Clearly, many are not.

The weather in Europe

There are restrictions on the media and on freedom of movement and association. But the United States and its allies are determined to keep up the momentum generated at Dayton, and the US president, Bill Clinton, facing an election in November, is keen to avoid any delay that might suggest failure.

The US was said by dele-

gates in Florence to have applied considerable pressure on and through its European allies for a date to be set. But it was not enough to shift the current OSCE chairman, Flavio Cotti.

Mr Cotti told the conference he would consult the OSCE's permanent council on June 20 before travelling to Sarajevo for a tinal "inspection". He promised a decision before the end of the month.

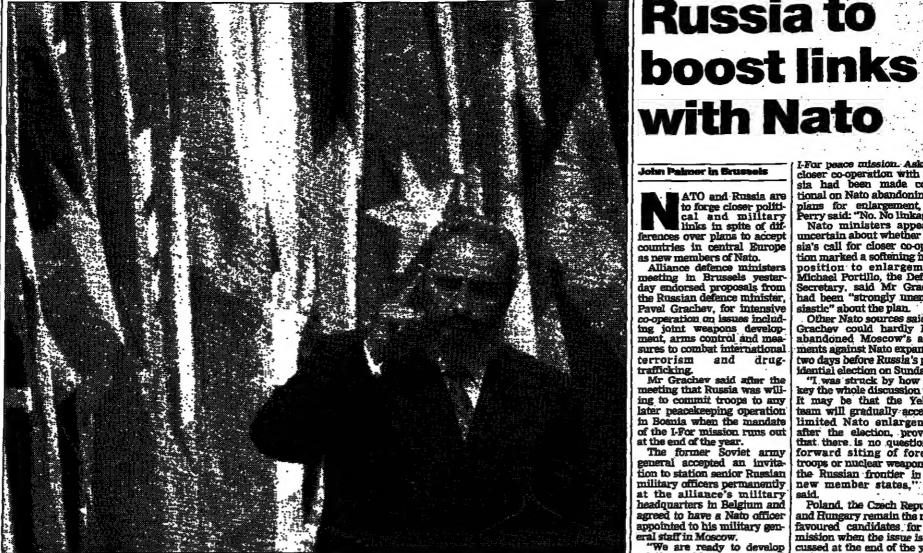
The best the US could get was a recommendation in OSCE's American head of mission to Bosnia-Herzegovina, Robert Frowick. Mr Frowick argued that the hallot should be held by September because the Nato-led peace implemen-tation force would still be at maximum strength.
It is unlikely Mr Cotti will

be able to reject Mr Frowick's advice, but there was no mis-"We all want the elections

to take place within the framework set out by the peace agreement," Mr Cotti said. "But we must also ask ourselves the question whether the international community is ready to carry out decisive measures. He said it was "of para mount importance that the indicted war criminals be

delivered to the Hague [war

crimes) tribunal".



Citizen Castro ... Fidel Castro demands an end to economic blockades on Cuba in a speech to the United Nations Habitat II conference on human settlements in Istanbul. Cuba's leader criticised the developed world for showing little interest in the conference, which was due to end yesterday without a final declaration

Mayor offers free transport to beat Paris air pollution

Alex Duval Smith in Paris

PUBLIC transport in French cities will be free on days when pollution reaches danger levels, under a proposal accepted by the National Assembly last night. the mayor of Paris, Jean Ti-berl, said he would bring the measure into immediately.

The government, which initially opposed the measure on grounds of cost, has yet to de-cide what constitutes a dan-gerous pollution level. It is

tures expected this weekend, | not clear how the measure will be financed, although one proposal is for a new levy on tobacco.

Environmental experts want the measure to be trig-gered when ozone readings reach 190 micrograms per

the meeting.
"The message was: there are still differences on enlargement, but let's agree to sidering other measures, such as free parking on the outskirts of the capital during differ ... it is not going to stop other co-operation," a Nato hot, still days when ozone

accumulates. Mr Tiberi's most popular measure since becoming mayor last May has been to ban traffic from several

reflected the successful new Russia ... we need new East/West partnership of the relations."

secretary, William Perry, said the decision to institutional-The Nato secretary-general, Javier Solana, said: "We ise Russia's links with Nato have a new Nato, we have a

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A ridge of high pressure covers all areas so it will be a mainly dry day with patchy cloud and sunshine at times, although the Alpine areas could have the odd thundery shower. It will be comfortably warm rather than hot with highs in the range 20-25C.

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A fine summer's day with lots of blue sky and prolonged spells of hot sunshine Max temp 32-36C
intand, 26-30C on the coasts with refreshing seabreezes.

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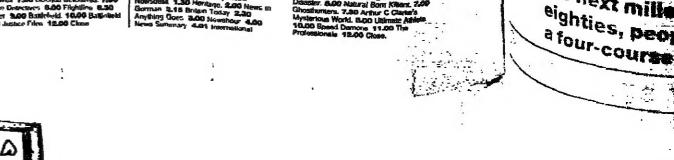
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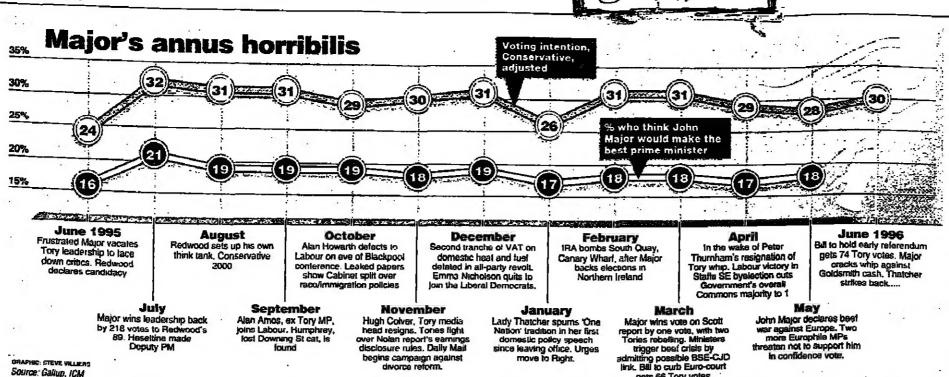
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'So let me say to the country and to the Conservative Party: there is no time for distractions. We need to go out there on to the doorsteps putting our case to the nation

- John Major yesterday



'The Tory party likes balls . . . Redwood showed he'd got them. He'll be the candidate of the right, not Portillo, when the time comes. But he'll lose, of course'

 Thatcherite backbencher

Major's year: Out of the blue, into the deep

A week, they say, is a long time in politics. For the Prime Minister, a year has proved an eternity. Michael White reviews the events since he defeated John Redwood

year after he saw off John Redwood's leadership challenge his premiership looks like Groundhog Day, the film in which Bill Murray plays a weatherman stuck in a time warp which brings him back to where he started the previous morning. Groundhog Day crossed

with Jaws. Every time Mr Major reasserts himself and tries to move party forward. his mighty predeccessor surfaces to reassert her right to guard the Thatcher myth from desecration and inconvenient facts. Jaws snap, the water swirls with blood and our hero is dragged to safety minus another limb. Next day he wakes to begin all over

It could have been such a good week for Downing Street. There was a smack of firm government in Mr Mamanoeuvres and, for once, the propaganda ma-chine went on the offensive. On the day Bill Cash introduced his Referendum Bill, designed to break the fragile Europe. officials started a row over leshians and lottery money — an irresistable tab-

loid combination.

But by the time Mr Major rose to address the Welsh Tory conference in Porthcawl yesterday the script was in tatters. Mr Cash had been successfully embarrassed by the scarcely-secret fact that his think tank took money from the predatory Jimmy Goldsmith. Even the two Tory MPs who had strong-armed Stephen Dorrell into goldplating their local casualty unit had been disciplined. But then Lady Thatcher suc cumbed to a familiar impulse. For the first time since her anti-one nation speech in Jan-uary, she reminded everyone that the Iron Lady is not for turning, never was. Passionately (if belatedly) committed to the anti-federalist cause, she sent a solidarity cheque to Mr Cash and — unforgiv-ably — publicised the fact. Any less charismatic figure

could have been dismissed as an egotistical bag lady by now. She is 70 and has been out of office nearly six years. But Lady T remains the Great Blue Shark. Mr Major could

not ignore her.

The result another all-toofamiliar bloodbath lovingly
recorded for network news. with Tony Blair and Paddy Ashdown left to pronounce the Tories hopelessly divided and unfit for office. For the Labour leader in particular, it has been another consolidat-

ing year. Yet some Conservatives see Mr Major less as the victim than the wily manipulator of the party's feuds. First he tilts one way, then the next. Europe is a prime example. On May 21 he declared the beef war and annoyed the party Left. By June 21 he hopes to have declared vic-tory and called a truce. The Right will be furious. "Look at this, warring factions," he seems to be saying. "I am the only one who can keep this

party together." Seen in that light, his survival since beating Mr Redwood by 218 to 89 votes (and only 20 abstentions) looks more impressive. First, Michael Heseltine was bought off as Deputy Prime Minister in the reshuffle that dispatched Michael Portillo to defence, a largely opportunity-free department.

Malcolm Rifkind was given | Jenkins of his party who a chance to shine in Douglas Hurd's post, but only by doing the boss's bidding - trimming to the Eurosceptical Right and offending his old friends, Stephen Dorrell embarked on a similar journey.

Redwood behaves like having a good time. Ānd so he is become famous -

Only Kenneth Clarke held out against the trend, defying the Right on taxes and spending as well as on Europe, and defying the Bank of England on inflation. It may be heroic, but — for the moment — it looks like finally ruining his

delivers a sound economi legacy to the other side.

Gillian Shephard, briefly tipped as a potential leader has been battered over educa tion, not least from Mr Major's own policy unit. Even Michael Howard, riding law and order hard, currently looks a better bet. The one Tory politician

who has survived into the final year of the present Parliament in better shape than a year ago is the man Major beat: his erstwhile Welsh Secretary. Forty-five today, Mr Redwood behaves like a man who is having a good time.

And so he is, scarcely off
the airwaves, the public plat-

the airwaves, the public plat-form or the weekend rubber chicken circuit of Tory activ ists who usually find him les of a Vulcan than they feared. He has become famous - and likes it. Gail Redwoood insists that her husband looks years younger than he did that fateful morning, June 26, 1995.

Shortly after breakfast — a year ago next week — he sent "Dear Prime Minister ...





One year after beating off John Redwood, John Major faces another round of feuding

leadership.
"The Tory party likes balls," one Thatcherite backbencher said midweek. "Red-wood showed he'd got them. He'll be the candidate of the Right not Portillo when the time comes. But he'll lose, of course" - not least because his very success has split the likely a centrist succession to

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Major, a Rifkind, a Lang or even a Dorrell.

Apart from making himself more of a polished performer and less of a policy wonk, Mr Redwood himself counts his policy achievements over the year as considerable. His conversation is peppered with "I got the Government to'
Thus he got them to squeez

23.2 billion of the £5 billion they told him couldn't be cut from spending totals; he got them to squeeze 5 per cent off Whitehall running costs and to start talking about reining the European Court of Justice and the European Union's common fisheries policy.

He seeks to synthesize global free market economics with traditional Toryism: a nation which can cope with the unavoidable challenge of Asia because it is rooted in a stable and secure society; post-Thatcherism whose goals, not means, are not so different from New Labour's.
Not every Tory agrees
either that he will be the
Right's candidate or that he will lose. Cabinet ministers are, unsurprisnely, grudging about their ex-colleague. gained to make himself known. That's not very diffi-cult," one said this week.

A former minister was more blunt 'Redwood? Yes, he's clever in a dessicated way and he's trying to make himself more human. He goes around grinnning all the time. It reminds me of

Says another: "Let's face it, the Right have the infantry, but the Left still has the lead-ers. Neither Portillo or Redwood has quite got what it

Two points are indisputable. One is that Mr Redwood has avoided unduly antagonising his party. It is un-likely, but not impossible, that Mr Major could yet invite him back, unlikely, but not impossible, that he would

accept.
The contrast with Normal Lamont, blundering in all directions in search of an issue is instructive. Mr Redwood quietly backed Bill Cash's bill, while Sir James Gold-smith did it noisily. Mr Lamont addressed Jonathan of leaving the EU. Mr Redwood thought it wiser not to attend. Lady Thatcher and her Goldsmithite guru, Alan Walters, blundered into the Cash cash row. Mr Redwood

lay low. The other clear point is that Mr Portillo's star has dipped since Mr Redwood's challenge. Even last week's petty row over his "noisy" office edwood. John Major party during the Beating of

pool conference.
Plenty of rightwing Tories
believe Mr Portillo is still their man of destiny and will bounce back. For the mo-ment, last summer's intrigue remains damaging. Both sides of the story are not fully known. But the Redwoodites say Peter Lilley, Mr Portillo and Mr Redwood all hovered on the brink in the days after Mr Major threw down the leadership gauntlet. Frantic telephone calls took place over the weekend before the

challenge. When the Welsh Secretary decided to make his move he made one final call to Mr Portillo, saying he was resigning, but that, if Mr Portillo did too, he would stand aside and support his rival's then-stron-ger claims. "Michael said 'I can't'," says an insider. Fair enough, except that three days later Portillo-backers were found to have installed extra phone lines in a nearby house, just in case the contest went to a second round. Nei-ther brave, nor loyal, was the

snap conclusion which has stuck. restricted outside earnings at they thought they'd given to a Westminster may prove less local freesheet, not to the Not for the first time Mr Major, the supreme tactician,

money and making plans for an October election, just in icy without losing a single minister — though the comcase, he probably has until May 1, 1997 to stave off elec-

Mr Major retains a few aces. As Messers Clarke and Heseltine never tire of predicting, voters' rising disposable income may restore a little feelgoodery. The North-ern Ireland peace process

Who could predict a row Goldsmith would blow up so dramatically Thatcher would

may stumble forward, despits the near-disastrous errors made by London and the IRA

in the run-up to the South Quay bomb. Even the post-Nolan era of

What last week illustrated was the danger which the supposedly unflappable Har-old Macmillan highlighted when asked what kept him awake at night. "Events, dear Who could have predicted that a television studio row over Goldsmith gold going to the European Foundation would blow up so dramati-cally that Lady Thatcher would intervene?

ing reshuffle may tweak that

And then there was the row

over Edgware Hospital. When

the Europhile Hugh Dykes and the quixotic Sir John

Gorst (having defended the right not to join a union at Grunwick, he later backed

the right do so at GCHQ) twisted Mr Dorrell's arm for a proper casualty unit, they did their constituency duty. Things only went wrong when they struck a deal and tried to withdraw the threated non-co-operation story

letter to John Major resigning | the Defence Secretary's natu- | no more widely acceptable al- | resentful Tory MPs than they | Telegraph. which printed it from the Cabinet to run for | ral allies, in the same way his | ternative. Though Conservather recently vacated party | SAS speech did at the Black | tive Central Office is raising | vived the humiliation of Lord | alists. Cowardice. cried the vived the humiliation of Lord Justice Scott's indictment of Opposition. the shabby arms-to-Iraq pol-

By such slips do failing governments fall into the abyss But the week's turnioil inad-Major's survival in a more important respect. It disracted attention from a looming compromise over beef.
There is every sign that

Euro-moderate ministers, Mr Rifkind to the fore, want a

Michael Portillo's star has dipped. Even the row over his 'noisy' office party offended some natura

deal with Europe before next Friday's summit in Florence. The Right do not want a deal. They have forced the Grand Old Duke of Brixton up to the top of the hill and they do not want him coming down again in a hurry. And they may get thus survives because there is onerous for restless and mighty Major-sceptic Daily really angry if he tries,



A JACK DANIEL'S RICKER KNOWS the difference between whiskeywood and firewood.

For the charcoal that mellows our Tennessee Whiskey, we'll only burn hard maple taken from high ground.
Anything else is too soft and would just go to ash.
(Jack Bateman here is weeding out a stack of creek maple.) A new man in our rickyard must learn many skills before we bring him on. But first is knowing what wood makes the whiskey. And what wood makes the fire you sip the whiskey by.

JACK DANIEL'S TENNESSEE WHISKEY



"People are simply tired of new reports every day about what's bad for you. We're going full-tilt into the next millennium, and after the power-tripping eighties, people want to relax with a good cigar or a four-course meal"

contacting all those who we think could have come into

contact. In most cases the risk

Doctors have confirmed that two of the cases are linked, and it is believed the

third and fourth may also be

linked. The first patient, a woman, had been in the hos-

pital for a year.

Doctors believe the second patient — who subsequently died — caught the disease

Managers at St Thomas's insisted there was no danger

of an epidemic. A spokesman said: "TB is actually very dif-

ficult to catch. If you are a

healthy person the chances of being infected are very small. "We have sent letters to

every one of the former pa-

tients who may have been ex-posed, but the likelihood that

any of them has TB is very

small. Anyone who has not received a letter shouldn't be

"In the extreme circumstances that we find someone who has been infected, we will then trace all of their con-

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OCTORS yesterday began to trace 650 former patients of a

London hospital,

where there have been four

confirmed cases of drug-resis-tant tuberculosis including a

Specialists at St Thomas's

Hospital said the chances of contracting TB were small, but anyone who had come into contact with the four would be called in to be tested

Letters were sent to the 650 former patients, and by last night hundreds had called a

helpline set up by the hospi-tal. Drug-resistant TB is rare in Britain, but is widepread

in New York and other parts of the world. Instead of drugs

costing a few pounds to cure the disease, the drug-resistant

strain requires expensive and toxic treatments.
Dr John Rees, clinical di-

rector of acute medicine at St Thomas's, said: "Resistant

tuberculosis has been a prob-

lem in North America over the past few years, and iso-lated cases have occured in

this country. If we find people

who are at risk of developing

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patient who died.

as a precaution.

Bra poster provokes record complaints

AN advertisement for a bra has attracted a record number of complaints since it appeared on billboards less than a month ago. One bundred people contacted the Advertising Standards Authority about the poster for Gossard Glossies, which feature a model reclining in a baystack, wearing only a see-through

That is more than complained about the Wonderbra ads by Playtex, featuring a voluptuous blonde, Eva Herzigova, and the slogans: "Hello Boys!" and "Or are you just pleased to see me?" The new Gossard advertisement, launched on May 22, bears the caption: "Who said a woman can't get pleasure fro

Bill Lennon, of the authority, said: "The general concern among the complainants is that there's a sexist element to it and also that it's not the most suitable image to have in the high street, particularly when you read the words in conjunction with the picture. The woman's bra is slightly see through and I think people are concerned about whether this is an appropriate image to be seen by all and sundry - particularly

The authority is investigating the complaints and has the power to have the campaign axed if they are upheld. "I don't know the exact date that an adjudication will be made but we're

Pilot 'saved spectators'

A PILOT who died after steering his plane away from spectators at an air show was praised yesterday. The Wiltshire coroner, David Masters, said Robin Bowes, aged 51, a display pilot, was obviously brave and skilful.

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"It appears even at the last be sought to avoid persons on the ground at fatal risk to himself." A jury at Salisbury returned a verdict of accidental death on Mr Bowes, from Ivybridge, Devon, who died when his plane crashed and burst into flames at Stourbridge Gardens, Wiltshire, last July.

He was flying his replica of a Fokker Triplane when the crash occurred at National Trust Centenary Celebrations. It went into a

steep dive and then banked away, hitting a tree before crashing and bursting into flames.

Hilary Higson, who was attending the display with her two children aged six and seven, said: "I think he was trying to avoid us. If he had had to make a forced landing he would have come

straight into us . . . It was a heroic thing he did.

straight into us . . . It was a heroic thing he did.

"When he banked away he must have known he was in danger of hitting a tree. I think he was trying to steer between two trees after avoiding us." Air accident investigators said that one of the two rudder hinges had metal fatigue and had fractured, which would have caused difficulties in controlling the aircraft.

Mr Bowe's partner, Sheila Truscott, said that in October 1994 he had momentarily blacked out, which at the time they had put down to him drinking wine. The coroner said the pathologist had reported there was no evidence at all there had been anything medically wrone with him.

Charity to aid Sinai monastery

A CHARITY inspired by the Prince of Wales and dedicated to restoring a monastery built on the site where Moses received the Ten Commandments was launched yesterday. The St Catherine Foundation — Prince Charles is its patron — will work towards the preservation of the Monastery of St Catherine on Mount

The monastery is home to the oldest complete manuscript of the Bible as well as 4,500 other treasures. The Bishop of London, the Rt Rev Richard Chartres, said that Prince Charles was deeply impressed by the sixth-century monastery on a visit in March last year. The visit led to the establishment of the foundation and to the training of one of its 20 monks, Father Nilus, a 28-year-old former economics student from Devon, in book conservation at London's Camberwell School of Art.

Girl. 9. claims rape by boy

POLICE are investigating a claim by a girl aged 9 that she was raped by a boy of the same age. Specially-trained detectives are waiting to interview the girl after she told a relative that the incident happened on Thursday in Bolton, Greater Manchester The boy and girl live near each other and go to the same school.

Lever area of the town.

Police said they were treating the claim with the "utmost seriousness" but would have to interview the girl and the boy at length. The pair are understood to spend time together on a regular basis. A senior office said: "This will be a lengthy process and will have to be approached with great sensitivity.

Apology

THE shooting of a British soldier by an off-duty policeman in Cyprus, reported in News in Brief in early editions yesterday, happened in April. We apologise for the inadvertent repetition of





Joanne O'Brien: 'I am not quitting now and going on to the Brownies — I want to stay with the cubs'

Girl cub legally allowed to stay in pack

Gary Younge on a child's victory

CASH drought threat-ening the grandiose Millennium Exhibition

planned for Greenwich eased last night as industry started to pour in promises of multi-

million pound support.
What was initially called a

John Ezard

be a cub. Her father, who died of a heart attack last year, was a scout leader, and eight-year-old Joanne was keen to follow in his

But then came the St. George's Day parade. Some cub leaders mistook a girl among the boys for a cuck-oo in the nest and insisted she must go.

"She was spotted by the leaders, and that is when all the trouble began. They got in touch with the group scout leader and said he had let her in the back door. They said they were not happy about seeing a girl in the group, without it being put to a referendum," said her mother, Tina. The four unnamed male

Yesterday British Airway

gave the scheme a boost by pledging £6million. This fol-

lows a £12 million package promised earlier in the week by the City of London Corpo-

ration. Three other compa-nies, British Aerospace, BSkyB and London Electric-

ity, last night confirmed they

Michael Cassidy, the City Corporation policy chairman who is monitoring wider fund-raising said: "There is

no serious doubt now that the money will be raised. There is far greater confidence than a

The next period of tension

ould contribute.

couple of weeks ago."

OANNE O'BRIEN, from leaders who head cub packs in Chinnor said they would had always wanted to resign—despite a ruling in in Chinnor said they would resign — despite a ruling in 1991 that girls can be cubs provided there is a female eader with the pack. The issue of Joanne's

membership came up at the

annual general meeting. The whole meeting got very heated and there was a lot of shouting," said Tina.
"One leader was particularly adamant that he would leave — he felt he would not be able to cope with girls in the pack," she said. One female leader also objected: "She said she

would fight tooth and nail But Joanne remained resolute: "I am not quitting now and going on to the Brownies — I want to stay the boys are doing.

report from Mr Heseltine's chief fund-raiser, Peter Le

vene, on how much commer

cial interest exists in the pro ject and whether it is viable.

A number of companies plan to announce funding plans before the meeting.

Firms understood to be on the

verge of pledging money in-clude BP, BT, GEC, Amec, Granada, Channel 4 and Thames Water.

But it is only 10 days since

Mr Heseltine called 36 busi-nessmen to a crisis meeting

cial interest in the exhibition.

Although supporters of the ated by the event.

Pledges ease millennium crisis

million, to be built on the for the Millennium Commissouth-east London site.

to leave my new friends." Last week, her determi-nation paid off when it was divulged that under the Sexual Discrimination Act Joanne was legally allowed to stay in the cubs. There is so far no news of

the dissenters. Chinnor group scout leader. John Dickens, who had always supported Joanne's right to join hopes they do not reak away to form a splin ter group.

Joanne was delighted at

the news. "She was over the moon," said her mother. "She was running around the house shouting 'Yabadabadoo, I can go to the summer camp now!' she with the cubs and do what was so pleased and the boys are doing.

project stressed their opti-

mism yesterday, there were

signs that next week could

Birmingham, the rival can-

didate, continued to empha-

sise how close the Greenwich

scheme has come to drown

ing. Roger Burman, the chair-man of the National Exhibi-tion Centre, Birmingham,

posed at Westminster with a symbolic lifebelt with which he offered to rescue the com-

mission from "a sea of embar

The exhibition is budgeter

to cost £500 million. Of this

£200 million will come from the National Lottery and £150

million from revenue gener

rassment" over funding.

still be tense.

The three surviving pa-tients have been transferred to other hospitals with special TB, we can monitor and treat them to prevent the develop-ment of the disease. We are "I am really enjoying myself here and I will not leave the pack. I don't want Lawyers' leaflet may be pulped

Clare Dyer Legal Correspondent

HE Law Society has halted distribution of one of its own information leaflets after its vice-president, Robert Sayer, took exception to the number of

Mr Sayer complained that the 2,000-word leaflet, Work-ing with your solicitor, made 15 references to costs and de-voted one and a quarter pages

references to lawyers'

to "how to complain". It was designed to be handed out by Citizens Ad-vice Bureaux, and advised cli-

and explained how solicitors operate, Some 10,000 of the 100,000 copies printed at a cost of £17,000 have been sent out. But the society's strategy committee, chaired by the president, Martin Mears, has

ordered that the remaining

90,000 should not be distributed. A decision on their fate has been postponed until after the presidential election next month, when Mr Mears and Mr Sayer are standing for re-election. Options being considered are pulping, or unsta-

pling and removing the offending pages. The decision is particularly embarrassing because Bar- very good thing."

in charges row clays Bank had sponsored the booklet at a cost of £10,000,

and its logo appears on the The leaflet was masterminded by Sue Stapely, the society's departing head of public relations, who commis-sioned a journalist to write it and secured the funding from Barclays. Ms Stapely is one of several senior officials to have resigned after disputes with Mr Mears or Mr Sayer.

Mr Sayer asked in the Law Society's Gazette: "Why has the Law Society got the tone of this leader so disastrously wrong?" The quotes he cites include: "You may want to ents how to choose a lawyer the cheapest price", from a and explained how solicitors list of possible reasons for choosing a solicitor, including specialisation and prox-imity to the client's home or

> Others are: "A specialist firm may be able to offer a faster, chesper service"; and "Ask how much the first interview is likely to cost". Neither Mr Mears nor Mr Sayer could be reached yesterday. Sam Wilson, another member of the society's gov-erning council, said: "The erning council, said: great problem is to bridge the gap between public and pro-fession. Anything that can be done to make solicitors and clients talk about costs at an early stage seems to me a

Driver jailed for road rage

attack was jailed for nine months yesterday at South-Tony Hart, 28, an embloye of the London Limousine Company, was convicted last month of assaulting Charles Jeffreys, 37, causing actual bodily harm. Hart used the door of the Daimler be was driving to knock Mr Jeffreys off his bike, the court heard. Mr Jeffreys said Hart grabbed him by his crash belmet and smashed his head repeatedly

his goggles, then set about throttling him. Jailing Hart yesterday, judge Gerald Butler QC told him: "I have no doubt you were the aggressor throughout. As I indicated when you were last before me, this kind

LIMOUSINE chauffeur of offence is now only too prevalent. I myself have dealt with four such offences in the conscious in a road rage past months." He added: "Had it not been for the interven tion of a bystander, you serious injuries to your

> During the trial Mr Jef-freys, of Battersea, south London, said he had been "cut up" by Hart in Lambeth, south London, and was al-most forced into a parked

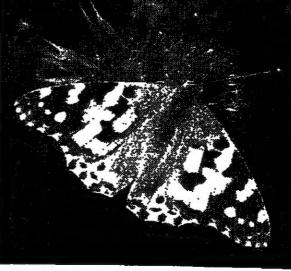
Hart, from Fulham, west London, stopped the Daumler and used his door to knock Mr Jeffreys off his moped. He was trapped under his bike when Hart grabbed him. The court was told that in 1989 Hart was jailed for six months for inflicting grievous bodily harm on his father.

who died three weeks ago

European invasion: thousands of painted ladies arrive from continent

BRITAIN'S eventful Prelationship with Europe eventful has taken a further unex-pected step, with the arrival of thousands of painted ladies from the Continent, writes Martin Wainwright.
Almost as gaudy as Euro 96

supporters, they have nothing to do with football; nor are they susceptible to rabies, al-though their behaviour is un-usual. "We have never had this many so early before." said Philip Winter, a north Yorkshire farmer, who keeps butterfly records for the York-



strong winds from northern shire Naturalist Union.

The black, white and honey-speckled butterflies, called Painted Lady, or Cynthia cardui, are believed to have been blown here by Europe. The insect, a seasonal migrant from Europe, is nor migrant from Europe. The insect, a seasona

arrival, the butterflies are acting normally, according to entomologists, laying eggs on burdock, thistles and nettles which should produce a second gaudy wave in two months' time.

MPs and pop stars attack 'intolerant' students' union president

Gary Younge

HE leadership of the National Union of Students has come under severe criticism from politicians and pop stars over its attempts ef-fectively to silence those who support free education. Eight MPs have signed an

early day motion to protest about the indefinite suspension of the NUS vice-president (education), Clive Lewis. who is a leading member of

the Campaign for Free Education. Yesterday top bands Suede, Trans-Global Underground and Chumbawamba, who con-tributed to a CD in aid of the campaign, joined the row after Jim Murphy, the NUS president, wrote to the groups urging them not to partici-

pate in the CD.

The dispute follows the NUS's decision in March to abandon its long-standing commitment to free education after a heated and divisive ar- regret that I must advise that

gument at its annual The policy change was supported by the Labour leader-ship. But Mr Lewis, who op-

posed it and unsucessfully stood for the presidency, has continued to argue his case. Last week, he received a memorandum from Mr Mur-phy stating: "It has been brought to my attention that you have yet again violated the NUS mandate on educa-tion funding. It is with deep

National Mr Lewis said: "You can't

destroy an idea. Since when has it been a crime to speak up for free education?"
The motion, signed by Labour MPs including Tony Benn, Alice Mahon and Dennis Skinner, condemns the "Intolerant and dictatorial be-haviour of the President of the NUS.

Mr Murphy is Labour's pro-

the winnable seat of Eastwood Scotland.

Eastwood. Scotland.
In a written statement, the NUS president-elect. Douglas Trainer, who was also criticised in the motion said: "Jim Murphy and I are both surprised and saddened that none of the MPs involved with this early day motion asked us for the facts before making their unwarranted personal attack. We reject the innacurate rontents of their innacurate contents of their

Earl's dope growing farm manager gets four years

ARL WALDEGRAVE'S former farm manager was yesterday jailed for four years for growing 900 cannabis plants at his employer's

John Lucksted, 51, now living at Cliftonvale, Bristol, was appearing for sentence at Bristol Crown Court.

Judge Richard Toyn said it had been a "determined cultivation" with intent to supply. He had to pass a serious sentence to discourage others from following in Mr Lucksted's ed's footsteps. Mr Lucksted's wife, Shymie, sobbed as her husband was led away.
Mr Lucksted, who has four children, was found suitty on vation" with intent to supply.

Mr Lucksted, who has lour children, was found guilty on April 10 at Bristol. He had de-nied a charge of cultivating the plants with intent to sup-ply at Rookery Farm, Chew-ton Mendip, Somerset where

he was employed.

He had earlier admitted producing the plants between January and September last

Mr Lucksted admitted two charges of possessing canna bis resin and one of possess ing cannabis. He further admitted illegally abstracting around £3,000 of electricity to help in the plant-growing

The court was told that police raided Rookery Farm, home of the elder brother of Treasury Secretary William Waldegrave, in September last year. They discovered plants, some four feet tall, growing in three sheds using specialised heating and





'Once these boys have been thrown out of school they have whole days to fill and nothing to do with themselves. They get involved in petty crime and local gangs, and end up in trouble with the police'

Trevor Phillips chairman of **Runnymede Trust**



Schools exclusion of blacks 'caused Brixton riot'

Think-tank finds education conflict behind last year's clashes, reports Gary Younge

of last year's riot in Brixton, according to the chairman of one of the country's leading race-relations

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HE high number of just year was undoubtedly young blacks being school exclusions among excluded from school was one of the prime generation growing up in generation growing up in Brixton who believe that it does not matter what they do or how successful they are, they will still be condemned," said Trevor Phillips, chair-man of the Runnymede Trust.

which has been obtained by the Guardian, one third of the 15 to 23-year-olds from Brixton, chosen for interview by random selection, had been permanently ex-

In the wake of the riot in December, 22 people were arrested on theft, burglary, public order and criminal dam-ages following almost six

remains one of the most important underlying factors in the alienation young black

The study, entitled "This is where I live; stories and pressures in Brixton," contains young black men in Brixton. hours of fighting, missile It targets education, policing, "One of the driving forces man of the Runnymede Trust. | throwing and looting. The | a lack of role models and unthat led to the disturbances | In a report compiled by the | rioting was sparked by the | employment as key problems.

death of 26-year-old Wayne Douglas in police custody but those involved in the study believe exclusion from school believe exclusion from school from Once you mention Brixton | school unemployed, leaving o somebody they automati | about half of all Afro-Caribsort of thing. I feel pretty cheesed off about it because this is where I live," said one man interviewed in the

> Afro-Caribbean boys in the area are three times as likely to be excluded from school as whites, according to Lambeth

They are also twice as likely as other boys to leave bean men under the age of 25

in the area on the dole. Afro-Caribbean girls, however, perform as well as white girls and better than white

once these boys have been they thrown out of school they have whole days to fill and nothing to do with them-selves," Mr Phillips said. "They get involved in petty crime and with local gangs, and end up in trouble with the police. It makes so much of the debate about curfews irrelevant because so much of what is going on in Brixton goes on during the day when these people should be at

He has joined youth workers in the area in calling for greater liaison between teachDanny

I GOT one of the highest marks in the 11-plus and my mum sent me to a school in another area which had a good reputa-tion. There were a lot of old white people around, and I could be walking past with two of my friends and they'd be clutching their bags and crossing the street, expecting us to

attack them. Most teachers were good. They helped you out if you needed it and you could stay behind and talk to them. A week before we were supposed to go on work experience, a friend of mine brought an air gun

When I came back from work experience the head of year asked me if I'd shot someone. I told him that I hadn't and the boy who owned the gun told him what had happened, but I was still expelled.
I was out of school from

March until September, not doing anything, just stay-ing at home and trying to find another school.

I wanted to do re-takes but ended up wasting a whole year. Now I'm doing four GCES's at college and am on course to pass them all. I want to do something in the arts, probably graphic design — the lot of money in that.

I would have been in my second year of A-levels to school that fired toy pellow. The expulsion messed lets and was messing about everything up.

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Lying to police 'no bar to holding gun licence'

Erlend Clouston

YING to the police should not necessarily be a bar to obtaining a gun licence, Lord Cullen's inquiry into the Dunblane mas-

quiry into the Dumblane mas-sacre was told yesterday.

The senior officer who ig-nored a colleague's condem-nation of Thomas Hamilton's personality claimed that the critical assessment was irrel-evant to Hamilton's right to possess a firearms certificate.

Douglas McMurdo, the for-mer deputy chief constable of

mer deputy chief constable of Central Scotland police force,

unit had warned Mr Mc-Murdo, in charge of issuing Bonomy has excused missing gun licences, that Hamilton was a "scheming, devious and deceitful" individual.

Giving evidence for the second day, Mr McMurdo, now assistant chief inspector of constabulary for Scotland, told Lord Cullen that a licence applicant could be "scheming, devious and deceitful in certain circumstances where it would have no bearing on whether he could be entrusted with a firearm".

No action was taken against Hamilton on the grounds that he had never been charged with any offence, despite the fact that

teenager Vicky Haggar, aged 15, from testifying before the Stirling-based inquiry. She had been due to give evidence about the time she spent with her mother at one of Hamilton's summer camps, but dis-appeared from her Aberdeen home at the weekend. She was found yesterday in Aberdeen and reunited with

Senior crown counsel Ian

her mother.

• William Garnett, aged 36,

brother of the Heritage Secretary Virginia Bottomley, yesterday won back his shotgun licence in an appeal at Knightsbridge crown court. The Metropolitan Police had was giving evidence on the literace in an appeal at Knightsbridge crown court. 13th day of the inquiry into Hamilton's massacre of 16 schoolchildren and their teacher on March 13.

The inquiry has already heard how the head of Central Scotland's child protection against Hamilton on the Iterace in an appeal at Knightsbridge crown court. The Metropolitan Police had revoked his licence after burglars stole the gun from his holiday home on the Isle of Wight. He had admitted keeping the weapon in an unsafe place and was fined £190.





Galapagos straying from the wild side

Development threatens the islands' unique set foot in Puerto Ayora for more than a day. Therefore the tourists' money species, but locals are more worned about species, but locals are more worned about species are more worned about species. Set foot in Puerto Ayora for more than a day. Therefore most of the tourists' money ends up in the hands of inter-other campaigns have making ends meet, writes Wyre Davis

once nothing more than a small village, home to a few hun-dred fishermen and their familles. They shared the en-chanted Galapagos Islands with the bizarre and incredibly tame animals — glant tor-tioses, marine iguana and dozens of species of sea birds - which so facinated Charles Darwin when he arrived in

Species, which sought to explain how, by natural selec-tion, certain species survive by adapting to their

But now a much more unnatural process, that of human intervention and dis-ruption, is pitting locals against conservationists and changing the face of the Gala-pages at a much quicker rate

than evolution.

The population of Puerto Ayora, on the island of Santa Cruz, has mushroomed in less than 20 years from a few hundred to more than 10,000. As number of tourists visiting the islands increases. along with associated indus-tries, thousands of starry-

UERTO AYORA was dorian mainland to try to once nothing more make their fortunes.

Some residents of Puerto Ayora, such as Fanny Uribe, aged 27, feel change has been too slow and that the islanders have been excluded from sharing most of the benefits of the growth in tourism in the

Galapagos.

Miss Uribe runs a small hairdressing shop and, in general elections last month, was re-elected as one of the That visit gave the British islands' representatives to the and physical growth that naturalist the inspiration for his book The Origin of capital Quito. "We'd like an allowed to go ahead. international airport and much larger hotels built on Santa Cruz, so that visitors would come directly here and spend time and money on the

> "At the moment they have to fly to the mainland, then board a boat which belongs to some foreign company and then they spend their time cruising around the islands. They stop off by day to see the animals, but sleep and eat on

the boats."
She has a point. As in many developing countries, tourism has not proved to be the gold-mine it first seemed. Almost all the boats that take visitors on cruises round the islands. are foreign-owned and, as eyed immigrants have come. Miss Uribe points out, only a and unless their numbers are and the last known surviving unrestricted, from the Ecua-minority of tourists bother to cut back, their machine-like member of his subspecies.

national travel companies. But Miss Uribe's vision for

the islands sends a shudder down the spines of national park workers and officials at the Charles Darwin research station at the far end of Puerto Ayora.

The staff at the station, mostly international scien-

easily with the locals. Linda Cayot is in charge of the prowarns that many famous species will be placed in great danger if the type of economic

"Over the years, human ac-tivity and its consequences have already made some species extinct," said Dr

"One of the biggest threats today is species introduced by man. Pigs and dogs kill haby giant tortoises while at the moment we have a goat crisis on the largest island, Isabella."

Dr Cavot explained how the Darwin station recently advised the park service, which runs the Galapagos National Park on behalf of the Ecuadorian government, that hunters should be recruited to tackle the goat threat. "There are an estimated 100,000 feral goats on Isabella

brought the ecologists and vil-lagers into conflict. Last year, marine biologists at the Dar-win station called for an urgent ban on fishing for sea cu-cumbers. The slug-like creature is a sought-after deli-cacy in the Far East and has been fished almost out of exis-

tence in Galapagos waters.



lobsters has been imposed and the call for a regulated sea cucumber season led to angry scenes in Puerto Ayora, Hundreds of fisher men marched on the Darwin station, surrounding it for several days and not allowing the staff to leave. Some threatened to kill animals such as Lonesome George, a giant tortoise from the island of Pinta

locked up for the past 20 years in the station for his own safety. There is strong evidence that glant tortoises and other animals on some is-lands have been slaughtered by fishermen venting their anger at park authorities.
"They keep on proposing these fishing bans, first lob-ster, now sea cucumber. How

do they think people like me ary British consul. can make a living? We're "Tourism has

'We'd like an international airport and much larger hotels built on Santa Cruz, so that visitors would come directly here and spend time and money on the

small-scale fishermen just trying to live day by day. The real villans are the big boats which come into Galapagos waters, then disappear unchallenged," said Francisco "Pancho" Aguirre as he cleaned his day's catch of about 30 mullet on the

for strict closed seasons to conserve fish stocks, and en-sure the long-term survival of decline."

George, who is thought to the fishing industry, do not be aged about 80, has been convince the fishermen whose priority is to make ends meet in the short-term. But some of those involved in the Galapagos economy agree that, unless present growth rates are slowed, the islands' uniqueness will disappear. They include David Balfour, the representative for Metapoolitan Touring in

for Metropolitan Touring in the Galapagos and the honor-"Tourism has probably reached saturation point. More boats and yachts come here each year and that's had a knock-on effect of encourag-

ing too much migration from the mainland," he said. But Ecuador is a country with severe financial worries and the prospect of greater economic growth in the Galapagos has politicians' mouths watering. For that reason there is unlikely to be any di-rective from Quito agreeing to the kind of controls on de-velopment that the ecologists

are calling for. Nevertheless, there is evidence that all sides agree on the need to control immigration because, as Dr Cayot pointed out: "The tourists only come here for one thing. to marvel at the islands' unique wildlife. But if there's too much economic activity in the Galapagos, bringing with it more immigration, the quayside. wildlife will suffer and the The ecologists' arguments visitors will stop coming. sending the economy and the

abortion rift deepens Jonathan Freedland In Washington night," said Mr Hyde, who insists publicly that he has no plans to quit. But Mr Dole faces a war on

Republican

tween the Republican presidential candi-date. Bob Dole, and his party's right wing intensified yesterday, with threats of resignations and walkouts among the most senior ranks. There are growing fears of an open split at the Republican convention in San Diego in August, as anti-abortion activists round on Mr Dole for softening the party line on the issue which divides them more bitterly than any other. The latest threat has come from an erstwhile ally, the respected Illinois congressman, Henry Hyde. A fervent

pro-life champion outraged at Mr Dole's attempts to appeal to moderates. Mr Hyde has threatened privately to resign as chairman of the platform committee which draws up the Republican manifesto. The congressman, whom Mr Dole originally appointed as a sop to anti-abortion mili-

tants, is furious at the candidate's increasingly outspoken attacks on hardliners in the Christian right. "Sometimes when situations arise that are The root of the row is a dis-

pute about the manifesto's wording, which Mr Dole had appeared to resolve last week. appeared to resolve last week. In an attempt to win over moderates and to boost his poor standing with women voters, Mr Dole called for a "declaration of tolerance" in the party platform, acknowledging the diversity of opinion among Republicans.

Hardliners accepted the change, because it would leave unaltered the Republiamendment to ban abortion outright. Moderates liked it because it legitimised their

opposition. But no somer had Mr Dole appeared to heal the rift, than he angered the anti-abortion wing by insisting that the tolerance declaration be inserted into the abortion pas-sage of the manifesto and not

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two fronts. Party moderates are furious at grass-roots efforts to remove them from delegations to San Diego. Yes-terday Senator Phil Gramm — a former presidential rival of Mr Dole's who is himself anti-abortion - threatened to fellow Texas senator. Kay fellow Texas senator, Kay Bailey Hutchison, is excluded from the state delegation. Rightwingers want to bar her because she supports abortion rights.

Mr Dole's exasperation with the issue is beginning to

show. 'I don't know where these people come from," he said of one ultra-conservative

group earlier this week.
Instead, he is trying to switch the focus towards President Clinton. He has begun to criticise Mr Clinton for scandals afflicting the White House, singling out the latest row over secret FBI files on leading Republicans, which were improperly requested by a Clinton aide. The FBI director, Louis Freeh, yesterday ordered

bureau's background files, while disclosing that the White House had sought data on 408 people "without justification"

"The inquiry shows the FBI gave inadequate protection to the privacy interests of per-sons in FBI files," he said. Mr Dole's Republican allies

stepped up the attack yester-day, when the Senate Whitewater committee de-manded that Hillary Clinton answer a set of written ques tions under oath about a Ar-kansas land deal in which she acted as a lawyer. The deal

was later exposed as a sham.
It was not clear last night whether Mrs Clinton would comply with the request, filed just as the committee was due to wrap up its investigation.
Sources said the final report
is likely to accuse the White
House of "highly improper
conduct" and name the first
lady as the only suspect in the in a general presamble. That
was too much for Mr Hyde.
"My concern was a big,
serious problem was put to
bed, and suddenly it got awak-

Tutsi suspect | 'Self-made' in Rwandan genocide arrested

AP in Klgali

APROMINENT suspect in the 1994 genocide in Rwanda has been arrested in Ethiopia after being deported from India, the foreign ministry said yesterday. Froduald Karamira, an extremist political leader, was

deported from India last week but slipped away in the Ethio-pian capital, Addis Ababa. Both Rwanda and the Tan-zania-based International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda want to try him in connection with the deaths of at least 500,000 people. Under a United Nations Security Council resolution, the tribu-

Alain Sigg, a spokesman for the tribunal, said the court wanted to try Mr Karamira for crimes against humanity, particularly incitement to commit genocide.

Rights groups say Mr Kara-mira spoke regularly on the extremist Radio Mille Collines, denouncing members of Rwanda's Tutsi minority as traitors. He was part of a radi-cal wing of the ruling party. Ironically, Mr Karamira is Tutsi and was arrested in

1990 on suspicion of aiding Tutsi-led rebels when they first attacked Rwanda from bases in Uganda. He then denied his Tutsi heritage and injured the most average Little joined the most extreme Hutu political elements, human ights groups say.
Mr Karamira reportedly

Mr Karamira reportedly called on villagers to "clean up" their villages of Tutsis. He also allegedly claimed that "there is no way the [Tutsi] rebels will find alive any of the reports they are claiming

US governor unmade by fraud charges

Christopher Reed in Los Angeles

IFE SYMINGTON, gover-nor of Arizona, successfully campaigned for re-election on the promise to run the state the way he ran his property develop-ment business.

But voters have discovered that as he was claim-ing to have earned \$4.5 million (about £3 million) in profit, Mr Symington was \$4.1 million in debt.

Now the governor has been indicted on 23 charges by a grand jury, the American equivalent of a committal for trial.

Mr Symington, a staunch Republican in a conserva-tive state, has vowed to fight the case: "The federal government has accused me of criminal conduct I never contemplated, and I believe that one day a jury will find me innocent," he

The accusations mark the second time an Arizona governor has been in legal trouble since 1988, when Evan Mecham, a Republican and a Mormon, was charged with illegally hiding a campaign fund loan. He was eventually acquit-ted, but had to resign his post under political pres-sure, much of it coming

The grand jury heard that Mr Symington pro-duced various fraudulent estimates of his worth, each tailored to fit his circum-stances. He once claimed earnings of \$11.9 million at the people they are claiming a time when he was in serious financial difficulty.

Abiola relatives held 'to help murder inquiry'

David Pallister

DOZEN members of the family of Moshood Abiola, the detained Nigerian politician, were ar-rested in Nigeria yesterday, ostensibly to help police with their investigation into the murder of his wife last week. Newspapers said they in-

cluded his brother Mubashiru who had been the family spokesman since Kudirat Abiola was murdered last week by unidentified gunmen on the streets of Lagos. On Tuesday his son Kola, aged 33, was also detained.

The policeman leading the In February, two groups of Nkana, said: "We are going to interrogate every family member who might be able to shed light on the killing of Kudirat Abiola. I cannot mention names or say that any of In February, two groups of civilians carrying guns called to see him while he was staying at the Sheraton hotel in Lagos.

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The arrests bring the number of people detained without charge in Nigeria to more than 150, according to Anthony Enahoro, co-chairman of the leading opposition group, the National Democratic Coalition (Nadeco).

Chief Enahoro, aged 73, who fled Nigeria because he feared for his life, was speaking in London yesterday.

In February, two groups of civilians carrying guns called

ada and the United States.
Chief Enahoro bas little faith in the promises of the military ruler, General Sani

Abacha, to return the country to democratic rule in the next two years. "There is only one word for the situation in Nigeria and that is grim. Besides those in

detention there have been two or three political assassina-tions and so many of us are in exile in fear of our lives," he date to tell us when we shall have democracy. We have had nearly 36 years of military rule and we say enough is

Chief Enahoro came to prominence as the first politician to call for Nigeria's inde-pendence and in 1963 he was deported from Britain and jailed for treasonable felony. He painted a picture of Gen Abacha as a paranoid man, out of touch with reality and fearful of the machinations of his officers whom he regularly retires.
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gramme does go through, he will surely exclude any candidates and parties who are opposed to the military. And then I can see the assembly passing a resolution saying what a wonderful fellow he is

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Although the Commonwealth Ministerial Action Group are planning to meet a Nigerian delegation in 10 days time, he has little faith that anything positive will merge. In what the junta described

as a concession this week, decree number two dealing with detention without charge was reformed. Instead of people being held for successive six-month peri-ods, their imprisonment will

With other extled leaders Chief Enahoro is planning to convene a Conference of Free





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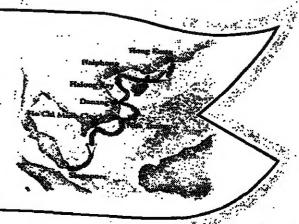
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All sides are looking ahead to deals to be made in the second round if no candidate wins a clear victory tomorrow

Boris Yeltsin's fateful power-play

On the eve of post-Soviet Russia's first democratic elections for a head of state, Boris Yeltsin declared at a final rally that he was prepared to change his government 'very seriously' if he wins tomorrow's elections.

It was the last throw of the dice in a violent and unfair campaign. DAVID HEARST (below) and JAMES MEEK (left) report on the scenarios and the characters in a contest that could take Russia to the brink of political confrontation

ORIS YELTSIN would rather play month old grandson than rule Russia, but duty calls. He really has to save Russia from the Reds. These are the latest sentiments expressed by the former communist local party boss, who knows that a rul er's power is absolute and rarely surrendered voluntarily.

Asked whether he was prepared to lose tomorrow's elections, the president replied: No, I'm not prepared . . . Half a year ago I was ready to step down. Now that I have already entered the fight, I'm not ready.

A former close colleague from Mr Yeltsin's democratic days said of him: "He has a face distorted by will."

Much has been written about the president's slick multi-media campaign, but in the end personal qualities, such as his tenacity in the face of adversity, have counted for as much. In an election where too many people have too much to lose. must be assumed that Mr Yeltsin will use any means, fair or foul, to stay in power. He would prefer a clean

win. Even the most optimistic pollsters deny him that, but he has said he will win the ovsky and the liberal econorequisite 50 per cent plus one vote and has forbidden his campaign teams to work on a second-round strategy.

Many Yeltsin supporters in Moscow and St Petersburg will spend Sunday at their dachas. Then there is Russia versus Germany, a Euro 96 football match with live coverage starting just as they get home. Will they then go to the polls after a defeat at the hands of the Germans? This democracy thing is compli-

The most likely outcome is | When he arrived at the Krem-

YELTSIN (a close result between Mr Yeltsin and Gennady Zyu-ganov, the main challenger

> In this case the third man will occupy the pivotal posi-tion, amid talk of backroom ment posts

The best third-runner for Mr Yeltsin would be Alexander Lebed, the former com-mander of the 14th Army in Transdniestr. This bitter critic of the military cam-paign in Chechenia commands loyalty. Swooning women once lay down on the runway of Tiraspol airport to stop their hero from leaving.

In reality, the tough career general is cannon fodder in Mr Yeltsin's experienced hands. Three possible govern ment posts have been dangled before him - defence minis ter, secretary of the National Security Council, and viceprime minister in charge of

Gen Lebed's disciplined electorate comprises soldiers and moderate nationalists distillusioned with the antics of the extreme nationalist, Vladimir Zhirinovsky. It is more anti-communist than anti-Yeltsin.

The other two candidates mist Grigory Yavlinsky - are both awkward customers.

The acerbic Mr Yavlinsky has not stopped abusing the president and the "doubtful people" who advise him. "Don't speak to me any more about the good tsar and the bad *boyars* [aristocrats]. Boris Yeltsin himself invited them to work with him and he is responsible for what they do." In spite of Mr Yavlinsky's image as a squeaky clean democrat, his ability to compromise is in some doubt.



Historic day . . . Soldiers in Orekhovo-Zuyevo, near Moscow, move a ballot box into position yesterday, in preparation for tomorrow's election

lin for talks with Mr Yeltsin I main choices after a firston a possible deal, his opening gambit was to slam down a list of four ministers whose dismissal he was demanding.

His electorate are intellectuals, fed by conspiracy theories in the liberal press. Their minds are made up, and many would rather not vote than choose between two evils. They are the least disciplined voters and Mr Yavlinsky has little power to tell them whom

The worst third man for Mr Yeltsin would be Mr Zhirinovsky, who has, ominously, been preparing for the role of honest broker. Whatever vibes his blue Euro-umbrella is intended to convey, his heartland is an angry, lum-pen, radical nationalist one.

His supporters are small businessmen excluded from the democrats' share-out of the goodies, who now want a piece of the action. Their nat-ural allies are the nationalists of Mr Zyuganov's National Patriotic Forces.

Mr Yeltsin would have two

round result which left him uncomfortably close to Mr

The first - the constitutional way of staying in power — consists of offering Mr Lebed a place in his government and trying to bring on board Mr Yavlinsky's sup-porters. This could be achieved by offering Mr Yavlinsky some of the resigna-tions he has demanded. The communist alliance capable of limiting Mr Zyuganov to his core support of 20 million-

25 million votes. The second scenario is to use the unlimited executive powers of the presidency to call a temporary halt to the electoral process.

There is no shortage of crises that Mr Yeltsin could press into service. The peace agreement with Chechen rebels is unravelling. More bombs could go off in Moscow. Either could tempt Mr Yeltsin to declare a state of emergency. This risky strat-

egy would spark unrest in communist regions, such as Kemerovo, which would be difficult to suppress forcibly.

Mr Yeltsin could mitigate

protests by opening negotia-tions with Mr Zyuganov to form a broad coalition government, with an agreement to change the constitution to allow Mr Yeltsin to remain president for two years, pend-

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This could entail either local recounts, or a declaration that the whole election has been invalid, and the dismissal of the central election

Alternatively, Mr Yeltsin could make use of his own weak health. If negotiations became too tough, it could be announced that the strain of campaigning was too much for the 65-year-old, who has suffered two heart

would pass to the prime min-ister, Viktor Chernomyrdin, who has remained remarkably silent during the president's campaign.

New elections would have to be held in three months' time, but then all bets would be off.

Mr Zyuganov's freedom of 30 million votes — 25-29 per cent of the electorate. This would leave him needing only

second round for a victory If Mr Zhirinovsky gets less than 25 per cent in the first round, the performance of the dso-rans will become important — people such as Svya-toslav Fyodorov, a million-

aire eye surgeon, and Yuri Vlasov, a weightlifter. Mr Yeltsin's advisers are preparaction is more limited after ing for all eventualities. So the first round. A strong far they have shown no lack result for him would be 26 of ingenuity in keeping their man in power.

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Rebel leader freed The Bangladesh government

yesterday released the former army chief, Lieutenant-Gen-eral Abu Saleh Mohammad Nasim, who was detained after refusing to obey a presicommanders. - Reuter.

General accused A Paraguayan judge issued an

arrest warrant yesterday against the former army chief, General Line Oviedo accusing him of insurrection for resisting orders to surrender his post last April, a local radio said. - Reuter.

Kurdish killings Turkish troops backed by

fighter planes, hunting for Kurdistan Workers' Party guerrillas, have killed 51 Kurdish rebels in two days of fighting that spilled over the mountainous border into northern Iraq, security offi-cials said yesterday. — Reuter.

Air crash raiders

Investigators suspecting criminal negligence in the aborted takeoff and crash of an Indonesian jet raided two of the airline's offices in southern Japan. — AP.

Fourteen of the final group to leave the ranch face criminal charges, including seven accused of threatening to kidnap and kill federal officials and taking part in an alleged \$1.8 million (£1.2 million) cheque fraud scheme. The other seven are accused of as-

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Racing

Jarvis reacts before handicapper strikes

Ron Cox FTER Achilles Heel duly obliged like the handicap "snip" he was at York yesterday. It is the turn of React today. She may not have as much in hand in a race as competitive as the William Hill Sprint Trophy, but the signs are good for Willie Jar-But unless she is greatly flattered by her Newmarket

vis's filly. Since the weights for this handicap were published, React has run the race of her life to finish a close third behind Branston Abby and My Melody Parkes in a listed event at Newmarket. She has been raised 10lb for that improved run, but competes off her old mark today and has the assistance of Pat

Eddery in the saddle. Jarvis has a good line to current sprint form with the unbeaten Farhana in his care. He has entered React for the Group One July Cup, and although that may be an optimistic target, it is a fair bet that React will progress into something better than a

handicapper. Jarvis should know where he stands with at least one of today's rivals, Dashing Blue, who was no match for Farhana at Haydock.

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down the weights, Blessingin-disguise gives the impression he has been "laid out" for this by the wily Mick Easterby. who is enjoying a fine season, and Green Barries has to be considered after showing signs of a return to form at Newmarket last week.

run — and the comparatively fast time returned by the win-ner suggests that is not the case — React (2.45) is very much the one to beat.

Ian Balding, trainer of Dashing Blue, has good pros-pects of winning the Daniel Prenn Royal Yorkshire Handicap with Skillington (2.15).

Given a positive ride at Pontefract, this Danzig colt, who is a half-brother to the Dettori, has picked up the

Long lay-off for Dettori after op.

action, stretching well be-yond next week's Royal As-cot, after undergoing an op-eration to wire the left elbow he broke when thrown from Shawanni in the Newbury parade ring

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RANKIE DETTORI faces Berkshire Hospital today. His injury has given the Godolphin set-up a major headache as regards who will now partner their As-cot runners, but yesterday a spokeswoman confirmed: "Plans about who will ride the Godolphin runners at Dashing Blue may have on Thursday.

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lengths clear of Three Hills. He has, surprisingly, been left

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At Bath, Bean Venture
(5.10) could be set for a be-lated return to the winner's

circle in the Tetbury

Handicap.

A change of stables can

often work wonders for these

old handicappers, and the eight-year-old is having his first run for trainer Bryn

Palling. Formerly a good ser-

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Mick Kinane, now 13-8 on to

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down, and should give a good | stable's former top class miler | plum ride on Ashkalani in account of himself. Further | Selkirk, galloped home five | Tuesday's St James's Palace Tuesday's St James's Palace Stakes after the colt's regular rider Gerald Mosse had a four-day ban confirmed in Paris yesterday.

Mosse failed with his ap-

peal at the Parisian headquar ters of France Galop, and the ban — picked up at Chantilly last Sunday - runs the entire four days of the Royal meeting. Ashkalani, unbeaten in

four starts including last month's French 2,000 Guina good piece of work at Chan-tilly on Thursday morning and he could well spearhead a French 1-2.

His main rival is again his compatriot. Spinning World, second best behind the Aga Khan's colt in both the Prix de Fontainebleau and the Poule d'Essai des Poulains. Spinning World, who has since landed the Irish 2,000 Guineas, shares favouritism

at 2-1 with Ashkalani. Lindsay Charnock yester day received a seven-day ban for his Pontefract fracas with Nicky Carlisle on Monday. The lockey appeared to lose his temper when a horse was unseated in a rough race for the Dewsbury Selling Stakes. The stewards found Char-

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Alan Henry in Montreal

EAN Alesi and Gerhard Berger yes-terday complicated an already complex Formula One equation by posting first and second fastest times for Benetton in the closing moments of the first free practice session for tomorrow's Canadian Grand Prix.

Alesi, who scored his first and so far only — grand put victory here at the Circuit Gilles Villeneuve in a Ferrari last year, lapped less than 0.10sec faster than his team-mate Berger and then spun off after taking the chequered flag. Michael Schumacher's Fer-

rari F310 was third fastest and again he raised the stakes in his battle with Damon Hill, who posted the day's fourth fastest time.

Ferrari's recent re-emergence is no flash in the pan and Hill, whose champion-ship lead now down to 17 points after poor peformances in Monaco and Spain, is a little disquieted. His car's hand-ling, he felt, was "quite good" but he was concerned at Schumacher's extra power.
Schumacher came to Can-

ada after another intensive test session at Imola last week, his Ferrari now sport-ing an aerodynamically fash-

ionable raised nose section. Benetton have also being making aerodynamic improvements although they provements authough they benefitted from a late switch to new tyres, eating into the stock available for the race.

Eddie Irvine also displayed excellent form in the second Ferrari F310, being sixth fastest ahead of the Jordan-Peugeot of Martin Brundle which suffered an engine failure early in the session.

A succession of poor performances have left a question-mark over Brundle's future but his performance yesterday was a significant boost for him at the start of a weekend on which he celebrates his 150th grand prix start.

flocking into Montreal opti-mistic that Hill's team-mate Jacques Villeneuve can repeat the home victory achieved in 1978 by his late father Gilles, after whom this

first session on the track in an F1 car," said this son of a famous father after posting eighth place in the second Williams-Renault

straights and tight corners, which require heavy break ing, so there is every possibil-ity to overtake."

Rugby League

Ground-share talks with soccer club

Paul Fitzpatrick

first steps towards a ground-sharing deal with their soccer neighbours Wigan Athletic, an idea they have resisted in the past. Both clubs, in partnership

with the local council, have agreed in principle to build a stadium at the town's Robin Park complex. Although a £1 million stand has been built at Central

Park, massive sums would be needed to upgrade the rest of an outdated stadium. Until now the club's chair-

man Jack Robinson has appeared implacably opposed to round sharing with the socer club, but the cost of refurbishment seems to have brought a change of heart. Roger Stott, the local

Labour MP, has played a part in bringing together the two chairmen. Robinson and Dave Whelan, and they have now agreed to an independent evaluation of the project.

There are many difficul-ties ahead," said Stott, "but at least the three partners have jointly put their foot on the first rung of the ladder."

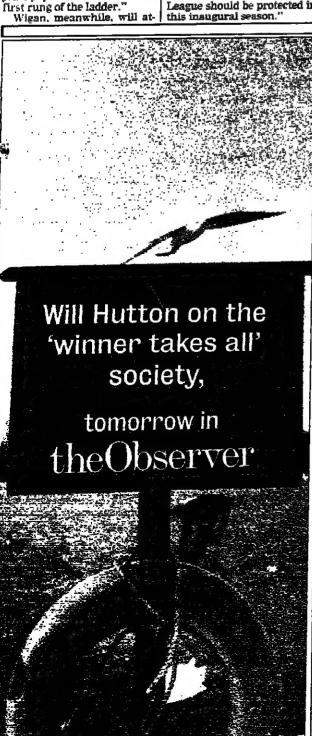
tempt to correct their faltering assault on the Super League tomorrow by beating Oldham at Central Park, where they dropped a point for the first time since February 1994 against London Broncos last Sunday,

St Helens, who look certain to preserve their three-point lead at the top against the bot-

cracked collar-bone, needs only six more goals to record the quickest century of goals. St Helens have protested at

the Rugby League's decision to order the release of their South Seas players for next month's Oceania Cup, an eight-nation tournament which starts on July 3 and ends with the final on July 17. David Howes, the St Helens

chief executive, said: "We are asking the league for a rethink. We accept that international competition is the flagship for expansion but we are very unhappy at the tim-ing, it should be played at the end of the season. The Super League should be protected in



Canadian fans have been

circuit is of course named.
"I think I went fine for my

"I'm looking forward to the race because this circuit has a good combination of long

of the pin. He confronted the man, who admitted that he

Norman also survived a 'snap-attack" at the short 9th. his second shot at the 403yard 16th for an eagle on his way to a 66, and a one-under-par total of 139, two behind the overnight leaders, Payne during his swing and Norman pulled the ball some 60 feet left Stewart and Woody Austin.
Norman, looking tired and drawn because of an allergy condition, nevertheless had never been on a golf course before and did not played superbly to exceed his overnight target of getting to one over par for the championship. "My whole outlook was to get to around par. I knew if I could do that I'd be in good shape for the week."

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Inevitably after his round

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and I guess we are because we

love the game so much."

end." he said. "Now I'm in pionship was much like the first, calm and sunny, but still dreadfully wet underfoot after the deluge on Wednesday. The to a 78, handing a green jacket greens were still holding, but to Nick Faldo. He said: "You that advantage was cancelled out by the fact that so were the fairways, meaning no roll at all and the necessity to play

Norman flies with an eagle

onger irons into the greens. Norman started the day at three over and an early indi-cation of his form came at the long 2nd, 523 yards, where he reached the green with a drive and three-wood, to two-putt for a birdie. He dropped a shot at the 5th, where he missed the green, but picked it back up at the 8th, an uphill drag of a hole, quarter-of-a-mile long, where he hit a four-iron second and holed from 18 feet. He birdied the short 13th with a six-iron to nine feet to get close to his original target, but he set the round alight at

gave him an 140yd eight-iron flag, landing it 144 yards and spinning it back straight into the cup. "For the first time this week." said Norman after-wards. "I actually visualised a shot. I saw that one. I felt it, I

knew where to land it. I've

six-iron, say, or a little five-iron. The result of that has been that I've been giving myself a lot of 30-40ft putts and you don't hole many of those.

especially on these greens."

Both Faldo and Colin Montpean hopes, were out late but the latter dropped a shot at the long 2nd before almost holing his tee shot at the 194yd 3rd. The ball pitched short of the hole and ran right up to its rim before stopping a fraction

short. The birdie restored the

The second day of the cham- I the 16th. An enormous drive I Scot to his overnight position of level par.

Faldo, at the same hole, dropped a shot but then flew a magnificent second past a guarding tree and over a bunker, stopping the ball on a downslope at the 5th. The 3ft birdie putt was a deserved reward, getting him back to two over par.

been finding myself with a lot of shots that are either a hard Anders Forsbrand, despite an untidy long game that is not best suited to US Open conditions, recorded scores of 74, 71 to be certain of making the cut, while less surpris-ingly David Gilford was also making an impact. He opened up with two birdies, but a wayward drive at the 5th and a bunkered second at the 6th got him back to par. But three birdies, to set against two bo-gevs on the back nine gave him an inward half of 34, for a 60 to be on 143, three over for

Bernhard Langer is still in pain with the shoulder he injured playing volleyball in Florida in March, and while he insists that it does not affect his swing, he would not be human if he were not wary of the effect the rough this week

might have on it were he to take a full swing. Rounds of 75, 78 would have given the German the weekend off, but he was in any case disqualified for signing for a four at the short 17th instead of a five. Mark James and Barry Lane were also for the early flight home. James was 14 over for his two rounds, 75, 79 and Lane, 75, 76, was only

Paul Bales will also go unrewarded for his enterprise in making a special trip to pre-qualify. An opening round of 75 and an outward half of 40, to be 10 over, left him with too much to do.

Wigan may stray

IGAN have taken the

tom club Workington Town at Knowsley Road, may have their captain Bobbie Gould-

The scrum-half, who has missed two matches with a



Trials and tribulations . . . Christie wins his beat yesterday. Few doubt he will compete in Atlanta PHOTOGRAPH: FRANK BARON

Athletics

Christie cruises on murky water

Stephen Bierley on the first day of the British Olympic trials

GENTLE and peaceful early summer's evening for the start of the British Olympic trials yesterday was about as far removed from what the athletes can expect in Atlanta next month as is possible to imagine. Here in the Alexander Stadium the crack of the starter's gun seemed almost incongruous; in Atlanta the waving of guns by crack dealers is all too

соштоп. However, there was an underlying theme which has linked many such domestic trials to other major championships — controversy and Linford Christie.

The Olympic champion, just in case you happen to have been living without newspapers, radio and television all year, has yet to commit himself to defending his title.

Why he has not publicly addressed the situation, few understand. But Christie is Christie and presum-

the year when, dramatically, he pulled up lame; last night he cruised through the opening heat of the 100m to win in 10.32sec. Unless something else

goes dramatically wrong Christie will win his eighth AAA championship title today. The first two ath-letes in all events automati-cally qualify for the Olympics providing they have the necessary qualifying time or distance. So when the Olympic team is announced on Monday morn- Jackson has yet to win.

ing Christie is likely to be in it.

Though Christie has until July 1, when all athletes must have signed contracts with the British Olympic Association committing themselves to Atlanta, surely it would be disre-spectful to his fellow sprinters if Christie does not announce his objectives

this weekend. Jonathan Edwards, with injury problems in both legs, has pulied out of these trials, although there is obviously no problem about his selection. The world record holder has been strug-gling this season, principally, many believe, because he carries the burdensome expectations of gold in

Atlanta. It is possible Edwards may not jump over 18m again this summer but to win the gold in Atlanta he may not have to. However, the early season form of the two Cubans, Yoelbis Quesada and Aliacer Urrutia, will have given the Gatesnead Harrier some cause

Steve Backley was on crutches this weekend after a minor operation to a troublesome Achilles problem, ably nothing will ever be crystal clear.

The last time he ran in Birmingham was at the Rich coh International earlier in the hopes to compete at Gateshead in a couple of weeks. The javelin final is today and if Colin Mackenzie and Nick Neiland were to finish first and second the selectors could be left with an awkward choice between Backley and Mick Hill, the bronze medal winner at the Barcelona

> Sally Gunnell and Colin Jackson have been struggling to find their best form this spring. Jackson's 110m hurdles contest against Jarrett today promises to be one of the highlights of the weekend. The Olympics is the only championship that

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Baseball

NATIONAL LEAGUE: San Francisco 12. Houston 8: Pritaburgh 3, Filorida 4: Atlanta 3, Los Angeles 6, Chicago 6, San Diego 3 (14mns): St Louis 1, New York 2: Colorado I, Philadelphia 1. AMERICAN LEAGUE: Boston 3, Texas : (10); New York 2, Cleveland 6; Kensas Cit 10, Baftmore 2; Milwaukae 16, Cakland 3 Cycling

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Weekend fixtures

Soccer

US CUP 1998: Rep of Ireland v Bo (8.30. Grants Statium, New Jersey). Rugby League

STONES SUPER LGE: Shetfield v Parie (6.0). Tomorrous Castleford v Bradford (3.30); London v Halifax (8.30); St Neleng v 13:30; London v Halifax (8:30); St Melens v Workington (6:0); Wigan v Oldman (6:30). ACADBRY: First: Sheffield v Balley; Tomorrowe: Dewsbury v Knightey; Rochdale v Oldham, Sallord v Huddersfield; Swallon v Widnes. Second: Barrow v Workington. Tomorroms: Chorley v Carliste; Gathehead v Bramley; Whitelseen v York. ALLIANCE (2:30:* First Divisions Featherstone v London; Workington v Widness. Second Divisions: Blackpool v Whitelseen, Carliele v Chorrey; Donoester v Barrow, Hunslet v Keighley.

Tomorrow Tottocrow

STONES SUPER LEAGUE: Piret DisIsland Devision: V. Keightey (5.0): Rochdiste v. Featherstone (11.30): SaBord v. Haddershield (B.D.): Whatelinid v. Hulli (8.0); Whitehaven v. Balley (3.30): Second: Chorley v. Carrisle (t.0), Hulli KRI v. South Wates
(5.30): Hurster v. Prescot (3.30); Leigh v.
Bramley (6.0): Swinton v. York (6.30).
ACADESY CSWIP Castleton v. Bradford; London v. Halifax, St. Helens v. Leigh;
Wakefield v. Hull; Warrington v. Leado,
Wigan v. Featherstone.

Tomorrow

PRE-ATLANTA INTERNATIONAL TOURNAMENT (Million Reynes): Near Notherlands y Germany Tousserous Germany Tousserous Germany Vapitian y Rotherlands (4.0). Women: Gr Britain y Germany (1.0). Tousserous Germany y Spain (10 Gam). G Britain y Netherlands (2.0). INTERNATIONALS (Multan Reynes Hc) Scalland y Wales (M. Tousserus Scott. Scalland v Wales (6 0) Texasarova: So land v Wales (8 30am) American Football

uting to the 4-1 victory over Slovenia in Newcastle last month. He rejoins Greg Rusedski, Mark Petchey, Neil Broad and Nick Gould.

Sport in brief

Monica Seles has entered

next week's Eastbourne tournament, her first appearance at this strong pre-Wimbledon women's grass-court event. The field includes Steffi Graf,

Conchita Martinez, Jana No-

votna, Mary Joe Fernandez and Mary Pierce.

Tim Henman returns to Brit-ain's Davis Cup team for the Euro Africa Zone Group Two

tie against Ghana in Accra from July 13-14. Illness kept the British No. 1 from contrib-

Rugby Union Paul Turner, the former Wales fly-half controversially sacked as Sale's player-coach last month, is joining Bedford in the same capacity. "I had four years at Sale and my record speaks for itself," he said, "but Bedford are an ambitious club and I am looking forward to the challenge."

Sailing

The two British Olympic crews sailing in the 470 Euro-pean Championships at Hayling Island had better results yesterday, writes Bob Fisher. Bethan Raggatt and Sue Carr won the penultimate race in the women's event and now lie sixth overall. A 10-7-4 return from three races put John Merricks and Ian Walker fourth; with one race to come they can finish second, but Russia's Dmitri Berezkin and Eugene Burnatov are confirmed as European champions.

Hockey

Slough conditions prompt departure of Jennings

Pat Rowley

SLOUGH Ladies have parted company with their coach lan Jennings only two weeks after he took them to their greatest achievement, the silver medals in the Euro-pean Club Championship. Jennings, a former Falk-

lands paratrooper who repre-sented England indoors and out, has had considerable success as a coach. He helped Guildford to the HA Cup last year and European bronze this, as player coach, and had regular success in his six years with Slough, who have won the National League three times and the AEWHA

Cup once.
But his tough regime and abrasive and dictatorial manner have never been wholly appreciated at Slough, and after the team's disappointing asked for a vote of confidence. He gained it by a narrow

margin, but in inviting him to continue Slough's new captain, the England international Sue Chandler, stipulated certain conditions, one

of which would have denied him his sole say in selection. Jennings rejected three of the

conditions Wales defeated Scotland 3-0 in the first of the week-end's three unofficial internationals at Milton Reynes Hockey Club yesterday. All three goals were scored by members of the Cannock side that captured the National

League title. They played three periods of 25 minutes fell two goals behind in the second. Ian Hughes-Rowlands scored both, first following up a Paul Edwards corner shot and later scoring at the second attempt Simon Organ, making his debut, scored Wales's third with a high flick at a

corner. Both countries are at the start of their preparations for the World Cup preliminary, to be held at Cagliari in Sar-National League season he dinia in September. Five countries will go through from that event to the 1997

World Cup qualifier. CAGLIARI: Group A: Bangladeah Irpland, Italy. Kenya. Potand. Scotland US. Group B: Canada. Chile, Egypt Kazahistan. New Zealand. Switzerland Walge.

96 internationals during the 1930's?

A12: Italy. Their record includes Winning the World Cup in 1934 and 1938 and the Olympic Gold in 1938.

Yorkshire v Warwickshire

Moxon joins an elite club

David Hopps

-NGLAND might dismiss Martyn Moxon these days as a man with brandy-snap fingers, but when his fitness is not an issue he is not a man to be trifled with. There is still no more steadfast bats-man in the country, and such qualities in abundance yesterday as his second century of the summer ground Yorkshire into

mer ground forkshire into a position of authority.

Moxon has endured enough heartache during his Yorkshire career to forgo the prospect of a championship. As captain his most painstaking innings often averted disaster. Nowadays, content in the role of senior professional, ali-round good egg and ego soother, he has the luxury of contributing to a mood of optimism. Moxon's 131, in 5% hours

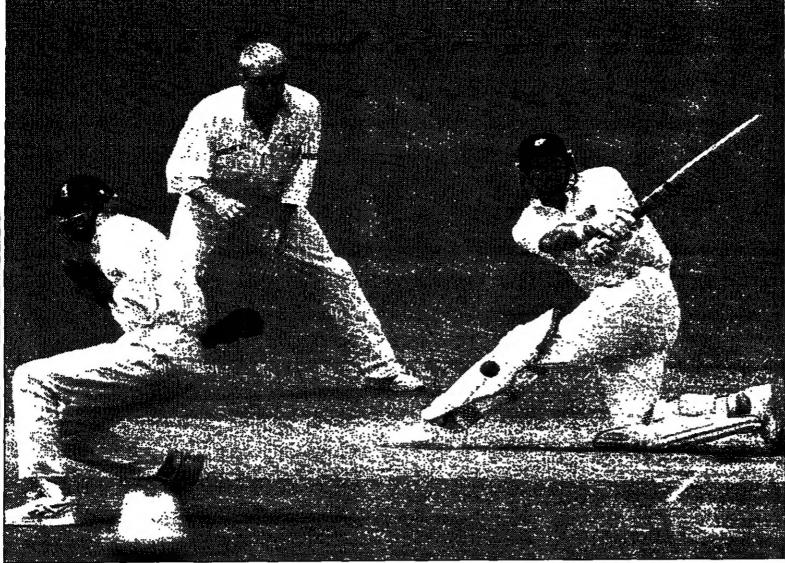
was an innings to respect rather than rave about, a tactically sound recognition that a ponderous sur-face demanded extreme caution. At 293 for four in 117 overs at the close, still 13 behind, Yorkshire must be tempted to bat Warwick-shire out of contention. These days Warwickshire, quoted at 6-4 fav by the bookmakers to retain their title, can expect no favours.

Moxon was clapped off rather skittishly at lunch after the announcement that he had passed 20,000 first-class runs, a figure achieved only by Gatting,

Paul Weaver at Chelmsford

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Essex v Northamptonshire



Sweeping for victory . . . Martyn Moxon despatches Smith's bowling to the Headingley boundary on his way to 131 yesterday

Hick and Athey among current players. By the time he
was dismissed deep into the
final session, hooking
Brown to fine-leg, the applause had a wearier feel.
Further investigation
revealed the catcher deftly
sprinting around the fine

sprinting around the fine leg boundary to be Moles, who was peeved recently to

persistently overlooked as an England opener. An excellent sprawling catch was proof that coal power is not

Yorkshire's only awkward moments came as they lost their first two wickets for 58, Pollock, refused an appeal for a catch at the wicket against Vaughan, responding by bowling him next ball.

stands.

Warwickshire's spinners bore a heavy load, with Smith's off-spin and Giles's slow left-arm contributing 70 overs for 157. Giles had the prolific Bevan caught at the wicket with the arm ball, and he almost dismissed Moxon sweeping when he was 126, but to date there have been few ability to win membership Bevan and McGrath, safe signs of the turn that might of the Slick Fielders club is and mature, steadied matarrely bring Yorkshire a prime reason why he is ters as they shared with victory to strengthen their

 hold on the leadership. The home side also became
 ◆ Warren Hegg and Ian increasingly ragged in the
 Austin put on 175 in 31 field as five catches went • Warren Hegg and Ian Austin put on 175 in 31 overs in their seventhwicket stand to give Lanca-shire a lead of 478 over Durham at Chester-le-Street yesterday. Both fell in the last four overs and Lancashire finished on 395

Hegg hit 89 off 113 balls with 12 fours and a six be-

fore lobbing an attempted pull to mid-on. Lugsden bowled with pace on his return to the Durham team after 18

The pair came together at 213 for six just before tea and Durham's seam attack wilted under the onslaught.

Durnam team after 18 months of injury problems. He included Mike Atherton, lbw for 37, among his three victims but bowled 12 wides.

Surrey v

David Foot

Leicestershire

Surrey

all talk

CURREY, under new

these days a palpably animated team. In the field they

chatter away in mutual praise. The slips and gully

exchange looks of apprecia

tion, applauding every good-

length ball, irrespective of

success, rather like a line of

generous-spirited committee-members acknowledging the

reassuring words of the

speaker at the annual flower

metaphors for a resurrent county. But significantly the

noise level lessened later and,

in one or two cases, frustra-

tion could be detected as ap-

peals were turned down and Leicestershire fought back.

At one point Leicestershire,

replying to 452, were 65 for five. Then came a resolute, if

occasionally lucky, and most

commendable stand of 156 be-

ween Aftab Habib and Paul

Nixon. They transformed the

innings before Nixon was out

in the last over, caucht at silly point. Habib, with one double century behind him

this summer, is on 77 and Leicestershire have reached

had gone on, with an always pleasing self-contained elan,

to reach 154 before being

caught at the wicket. It took him just over five hours:

there were not many false strokes, certainly not the six

and 21 fours. Pierson finished with six wickets. Parsons

three.
Leicestershire's response.

even on this anodyne track,

was initially a faltering exer-

cise. There were streaky

fours and near-catches. Butcher damaged his fingers at slip, went off and returned to bowl an undistinguished

over of off-spin before tea. But

there was an immediate com pensation: his cap from the captain as he came in. Lewis.

in particular, beat the bat early on without success,

though he judged and held a hook at long-leg, later called for a drink and with some in-souciance fielded with the

Mark Alleyne returned

glass still in his hands. Four of the five wickets had gone to the first-change Ben-jamin in an inspired eight-over spell that cost 19 runs. After that, success dried up.

an unlikely 222 for six. Earlier. Surrey's last four wickets added 112. Thorpe

These can be admirable

Selectors may change the bowling

HIS weekend the England selectors face the conundrum of whether victory is proof positive that the side they chose is in fact the best

Although there were key moments during the first Test at Edghaston when the match was very much in the balance, an eight-wicket win is comprehensive in anyone's book. The simplistic view would be that there is every reason to keep faith with the same players, fitness permitsame players, fitness permit-ting, for the second Test which begins at Lord's pext Thursday. But there were aspects

within the overall team per-formance which certainly should merit discussion. Hindsight, for example, sug-gests that on that particular pitch the job would have been made easier with a fourth seamer rather than a spinner and, that being so, Peter Mar-tin and John Crawley should have played at the expense of Min Patel and Ronnie Irani. The XI that won, in other words, was actually not the best XI.

Furthermore, the contribu-tion of Aian Mullally ought to be chewed over. Five wickets at. But Mulially, as a left-arm pace bowler, was brought into the side to lend variety, and there was no evidence of the inswing to the right-hand damental to the left-armer's armoury. Instead Mulially went wide of the crease and fell away early in his delivery — both actions indicative of a ubconscious desire to avoid following through on to the pitch — and slanted the ball

Of his wickets, only that of

Azharuddin, who was bowled behind his legs, was a direct result of the bowler being a left-armer. In other words, va. riety has to be there for a purpose and not just for the sake of it.

With a question-mark hang-ing over only the condition of Nick Knight's damaged finger and Crawley's pulled ham-string, there is likely to be scant discussion besides.

The attack will have been deemed adequate, with little opportunity for Patel. Illings worth and his men, though should not be blind to the claims of Simon Brown or even a resurgent Darren Gough; a left-armer is useful

but not crucial.

Irani's role, too, ought to have consideration. His forthright innings was spoton at the time but one won. ders whether he could play differently if circumstances warranted it. His bowling is ordinary. Although Crawley's injury

will keep him out of consideration. Knight is confident that the chip on the little finger of his right hand will have healed in time, but Alec Stewart rather than, say, David Byas, Andy Moles or the im-pressive young Mark Buicher will be standing by just in

morale-damaging defeat ahead of the Lord's Test, with Derbyshire dominating the tour match at Derby. The tourists' bowlers came in for heavy punishment on a day of sultry heat as Derbyshire scored 409 to take a first-in-nings lead of 180. Karl Krikhen became the first player in Derbyshire's history to be out handling the ball; he had scored 70 when he chopped a delivery from Javagal Srinath towards his stumps and swalted the hell strong with his less than the less than ted the ball away with his left

Kent v Middlesex

Tufnell may hold the key

When Hooper advanced down the wicket to Tumell Mike Selvey at Canterbury

AVING had the better of the first day, Middle-sex were unable to take full advantage yesterday as Kent battled to keep in the game. Middlesex resumed at anywhere than Hooper at one 358 for five with hopes of batend and a spinner at the ting the home team out of the game, but were disconcerted by Martin McCague's pace with the second new ball and stumbled to 393 for nine before an unlikely last-wicket partnership of 48 between Angus Fraser and Phil Tufnell inflated the score.

Kent needed 392 to avoid the follow-on; never on top but by no means out of control, they used a mixture of blast and graft to reach 215 for four by the close.

The pitch, which it was anticipated would help the removing Keith Brown with bowlers more yesterday, in his eighth hall of the morning. bowlers more yesterday, in fact offered little for the seamers. Fraser, though wicketless, sent down a worthy and typically parsimonious spell in the final session as Kent ground to a halt. Tufnell took the important wicket of Carl Hooper and the pitch offered enough spin for him to feel encouraged by the prospect of bowling on the last day.

bowlers' rough straight to midwicket, it represented a triumph for pragmatism over entertainment. There is no more compulsive viewing end and a spinner at the other, and for a couple of overs, with Tufnell in orthodox round-the-wicket mode. the crowd sat up. Tufnell might have had him

caught at mid-off before Hooper hit him thrillingly straight for six and hotcked him over the short-midwickst boundary for another. But Tufnell eventually got him. caught by Harrison for 33. McCague's fast, aggressive spell first thing represented the most incisive bowling of

the match so far. He began by beautifully caught low down by Hooper at second slip as the batsman pushed outside off stump. The next ball, to Feltham, was a snorter that flicked the glove on the way through to Marsh. Fay then swayed back to avoid the hattrick ball but became McCague's third victim when he sliced a skyer to cover.

difficult to think of two more dissimilar sportsmen. At almost 43, fitness fanatic Gooch would certainly stand a better chance of getting through 90

Chess

Kamsky quick on the draw

Leonard Barden

AFTER four long games, Anatoly Karpov and Gata Kamsky played a quick draw vesterday in their International Chess Federation (Fide) world title match at Elista in Kalmykia. Karpov, the holder, leads

the 20-game series 3-2. Some \$1 million awaits the winner, plus a unification match with the world No.1 Garry Kas-parov, who holds the rival version of the title.

The 23-move game, lasting 2hr 40min, was full of incident, with Kamsky choosing an aggressive line of the Grunfeld Defence. The American challenger sacrificed rook for knight and gained a strong central attack, and the offer of his second rook at move 17 was declined by Karpov after 20 minutes' thought At move 20 the players began repeating moves and Kamsky agreed a draw after half an

Watching experts were unimpressed. "Kamsky had real possibilities to continue in his powerful position," said the Russian IM Yevgeny Bebchuk. "He decided to avoid risk and take a break." Game six starts tomorrow.

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Comberbury: Kent (4pts) Frail Middl
(2) by 256 runs with sh first-invaring ets standing.
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M A Fethann c Marsh b McCague
R A Fay c Fleming b McCague
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P C R Turbell not our
Extres (66, jb5, wt. nb14)



minutes against Scotland this dominant as ever. Resuming afternoon.

Gooch strides on towards WG

The man is a miracle. To N GRAHAM GOOCH's tes-timonial brochure there is an unlikely tribute from dane because he had achieved Paul Gascoigne in which he this on 122 previous occa-talks about taking "Goochie sions. On 123 hundreds he is as my roll [sic] model. In my book he's always been No. 1."
He starts the piece by ask-I got in common? Well, for a in front of him and he might | figures, 10 overs before hunch start our surnames both | see them off before the end of begin with G." Precisely. It is the summer.

The remarkable thing is that his batting in this match - as when he scored a cen-

Scoreboard

County Championship (Today 11.0)

GLOUCESTERSHIPE v SUSSEX

Bristoli Gioucestershire (40th) need 220
runs to beat Sussex (4) with 10 secondimings wickers standing.

SUSSEX: First Immings 157 (N J Lenham
70: Alleying 5-32).

GLOUCESTERSHIPE.

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Second inviring
C W J Aftrey c Wright b Walsh
T A Radford c Russell b Walsh
A P Welfe c Ball b Walsh
N J Lerhsen c Ball b Walsh
N J Lerhsen c Rassell b Walsh
O Leve Russell b Walsh
O Law C Russell b Alleyne
O K C Sallsbury run out
J D Lwy c Russell b Alleyne
J D Lwy c C Catter b Walsh
S B H Glideling not cut
Extras (88, 154, w2, 466)

Total (for 0, 6 overs) 11
To betz R J Conline, T H C Hancock, M W Alloyne, A Symonds, (R C Russell, R F Devis, M C J Ball, A M Smith, "C A Walson, Bowlings; Drakes 3-1-5-0; Giddine 5-0-5-0.

KENT Y MIDDLESSED

First hankings

) P Fullon c Carr b Feltnam

if V Floming c Tufnell b Fay

f R Ward line b Feltnam

C L Hooper c Harrison b Tufnell

G R Cowdrey not out

A Eatham not out

Extras (b6, lb2 nb4)

Fall of wickets: 46 78 133 149
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To hoth '75 A Marsh, M J McCagus, & M
Palel, D W Headley, N J Liong
Bowling: Fraser 19-8-26-0 Fay
16-4-24-1 Tungel C-11-31-1 Feltham
11-5-35-2 Weekes 7-3-31-0

Total (126.1 overs)

of Essex's 63 for no wicket, he reached his fifty by off-driv-ing Neil Mallender for four-When he cut his good friend John Emburey for another boundary to reach his hun-dred (102 out of 186) he had faced only 115 balls and there

had been 16 fours and a six. something unusual happened His partner Nasser Hussain lofted Emburey into a distant garden behind the bowler Gooch asked for the ball to be tury in the last game against found. This took some time Lancashire - has been as and before the interval a sub-

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M E Trescothick c & b Kendrick
F C L Holloway c & b Croft
— Cottey b Kendrick

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G D Rose not out
Extras (b7, ib3, w1, nb2)

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Bewling: Watkin 19-11-24-1; Croft 43-9-98-2; Thomas 10-2-53-0; Butcher 5-0-16-0; Kendrick 33-8-89-4, Cotter

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P J Newport the b Evans
K I limpin s Johnson b Pick
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Sewflags Newport 12-3-60-1, Mood; 5-3-5-1; Illiagworth 5-2-25-0; Lamptt 7-1-32-0; Hick 10-2-27-0; Rawnsle; 5-2-16-0

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rent of wicketer 25, 58, 159, 271
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Bowling: Pollock 19-7-45-1. Brown 18-6-32-1: Welch 7-0-38-0: Reeve 3-1-11-0: Smith 28-8-71-1 Gilles 12-12-30-1

Score at 120 overs: 5-3%

First loadings
P R Pollard low b Newport
R T Rebenson c & b Moody
G F Archer not out
R T Sales not out

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the original was reintroduced it proved far deadlier than in its previous incarnation.

From 202 for one Essex slipped to 308 all out, a lead of 94, and they had looked unlikely to make that many when Paul Taylor, with swing and accuracy, took five wick-ets for 16 runs in only eight

After the demise of Hussain and Gooch only Stuart Law (40) and Peter Such (31) resisted for long as Taylor fin ished with seven for 88. At the close Northamptonshire were 133 for no wicket, 39 ahead. For those who have not

E P Julian and M J Kitchen.

RESEX v NORTHARDTONSHINE Chalmaford: Northamptonshira (5pls) lead Essav (7) by 30 rurs with 10 second-innings workes standing NORTHARTS: First Innings 214 ESSAY.

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S G Law c A R Roberts b Pentherthy
P J Prichard c Capel b Taylor
R C Irani c Balley b Taylor
1R J Rollins c Malfender b Capel
A P Crean b Taylor

DURHAM v LANCASHINE Changer in Street Lancashire lights Duringm (4) by 478 runs with lwo se

Total (58 overs). 181
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Bowling: Martin 21-6-44-3 Chapple 22-6-64-5 Electry 9-1-37-2 Austin

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Gooch . . . 123rd century

seen enough youth in this match there was the surpris-ing sight of a fawn (yes, really) running on to the field

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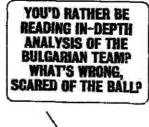
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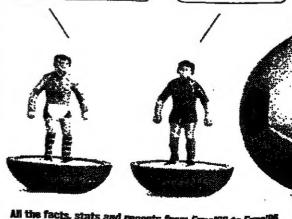
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at Bristol yesterday. But that was almost made to look respectable as Gloucestershire crashed to 72 for eight before a stand of 66 between Smith and Ball took them to 138 for eight at

Group C: Czech Republic 2, Italy 1

Apolloni sent off as Italy crumble

lan Ross at Anfield

HE Czech Republic sprang the surprise of Euro 96 last night and lialy may have to defeat Germany at Old Trafford next

contemporaries and after Tuesday's smooth win over Russia he shuffled a pack of so many aces. It made for an interesting contest.

The Czech Republic may be sustained more by spirit than by skill but it took them just a few minutes to remind the more cynical present that even those teams with the look of cannon-fodder have the potential to surprise.

Something of a collector's

item it was too with an Italian defence initially apprehen-sive and then thoroughly undone by a swiftly constructed and precise attack.

There was some substance to Italian claims that one, possibly two, Czechs were stand-ing in offside positions as Poborsky drilled in a cross from the right after five minutes. However, they did not appear to be interfering with play. As arms were raised in futile appeal. Paval Nedved collected and from a position of splen-did isolation stabbed effort-

lessly beyond Peruzzi.
The Czechs continued to prod away at Italy's rather

tender underbelly but 13 minutes later they were undone by their own pronounced

Suchoparek's attempt to make ground down the left was halted by Enrico Chiesa who hurtled forwards. Hav-Wednesday to avoid an ignominious early exit from the competition.

Italy's coach Arrigo Sacchi arguably maximises the squad system better than any of his autrent international career in only his second appearance for his country.

country. A nice enough moment but one almost forgotten 10 min-utes later when Italy's centreback Luigi Apolloni was dis-missed — rightly so — for a second bookable offence.

Having clattered into Kuka early, on, he foolishly and ridiculously repeated the offence under the nose of the referee. The decision to dispatch him to the dressing

room was barely contested.

The mood of the evening swung once again. Ten min-utes before the interval the underdogs growled again, Ra-dek Bejbl arriving unan-nounced between Donadoni and Mussi to sublimely steer in Kuka's excellent cross. in Kuka's excellent cross.

The better chances fell Ita-

ly's way in the second half but on those occasions when the Czechs' discipline deserted them, Maldini shot high and Casiraghi wide.

Group D: Portugal 1, Turkey 0

Rui Costa's men such good value

at the City Ground

HEY dazzled in the floodlights of Hillsborough on
Sunday and they shimsunday and they shimmered in the sunshine at Nottingham yesterday. The Port Saffet was ungainly enough to
tuguese have lit up this
tournament with a brand of
football that is straight from IT 18 SC(3)

the school playground.

Attack, attack, attack seems to be all they know. That approach has not yet guaran-teed them a place in the quarter-finals, but happily for them and for us their chances in Group D are looking up. A smashing 65th-minute volley by the hirsute centre-half Fernando Couto was anough to defeat Turkey and leave Por-tugal to swait the result of the Croatia-Denmark match tomorrow. A booking for Paulinho Santos, though, his second of the tournament, makes him ineligible against

Croatia on Wednesday. The Turks thus become the second team eliminated. They join Romania on the long journey home but two 1-0 de-feats is no disgrace and they deservedly will have an influence on the group's outcome when they play the holders Denmark on Wednesday. The idiosyncratic skills of Abdulish at left-half and the assurance of Vedat at the back should ensure a tough

Rni Costa put en another show of silky, ghostly speed. Time after time the 24-year-old from Florentina glided effortlessly past Turkish lunges, but for all their impressive running the Portuguese strikers failed to live up to his standards Sa Photo was to his standards. Sa Photo was particularly guilty, missing an easy sidefoot from six yards, and he was followed by Figo heading over from a sim-

In between Helder sixed a close-range volley wide, but Portugal kept going forward nevertheless. They got their reward from the unlikely source of Couto when he half-volleyed a deflected Paulo, Sousa cross low beyond Rustin. SOUSS CTOSS DOW DEVOLUTION RESULT.

Corto, Helder, Dimas, Paulinko Santos,
Corto, Helder, Dimas, Paulinko Sousa, Rei
Costa, Figo, Jose Pinto (Porfirio, 75min),
Se Pinto (Castela 65), Folha (Taveras, 1–4).

TURKEY: Rustur, Recep. Oguz (Aril, 70),
Czalan, Abdullah, Vedat, Tugay, Serpen,
Ogun (Pahlm, 1–4), Heisan, Ballat (Tolunay,
63).



Coach driven . . . Paul Gascoigne will carry the hopes of Terry Venables against Scotland. 'He'll be giving everything,' the coach said

Gascoigne in search of redemption

T IS five years, give or take a couple of weaks, since Paul Gascoigne emerged into the Wamemerged into the Wam-bley sunlight possessed by emotions beyond his control. On the coach, in the dressing room, in the tunnel, such a fever grew inside his head that it consumed him. Within minutes of the start of the 1991 FA Cup final, he had de-

stroyed himself. Terry Venables was in charge of him that day, if any-body can ever be said to be in charge of Gazza, He looked on his opponents, wrecking his knee and, effectively, his career as well. After that, like the rest of us, he watched Gas-coigns andure five years of pain and disappointment, of frustration at being unable to do the one thing he can do better than anybody he knows; and, to go with it, five years of wallowing in Murdoch culture, egged on by people who live well off his trigic foolery.

llar distance. This afternoon Venables

aquad to their practice, jog-ging quietly away from the cameras, across the lawn and into the privacy of Bisham Abbey's changing rooms. But he remained the focal point of all conversation

all conversation.

Richard Williams on the England enigma who, after five years of disappointment, may yet come good today

will watch from the same seat stage to face what for him represents the most highly charged match since that extraordinary day. Suddenly their destinies are entwined

Yesterday morning Gazza | coach said. "And I've got to | sleavy relationship with the left the rest of the England | take that into consideration." | tabloids symbolises a particu-The English assumption is that he will be man-marked— probably by Stuart McCall, his Rangers team-mate. "Td say that's a distinct possibil-ity," Venables observed. This time, however, the coach feels

At Venables's press conference, the coach telked about ways of protecting his most creative player during today's match against Scotland. He is not the first to confront the problem. When Gascoigne detonating himself in what is bound to be an explosive game. "I don't think he will. He knows that if he gets into a situation where they're trying to wind him up, he's end of his England team-mate born in Gateshead and went to the same comprehensive into a situation where they're trying to wind him up, he's England shirts.

midfielders were employed solely to win the ball for him and then protect him while he made use of it. They called it the Gascoigne Triangle. The question is whether

something similar will be required if the Scots pay par-ticular attention this afternoon to the man who won their own Player of the Year award. Venables thinks they will. "I'd be very surprised if they didn't make special ar-rangements for him," the

was a Lazio player, he briefly got to keep cool. I've spoken operated in a special formation. Behind Gazza, two other that I expect; it's not just that but that would be one of

> How does he want Gazza to approach the game? 'Like he always does. He's mad about his football. That's always underrated. There's only one thing he wants to do, get his shirt on and play for England. He'll be giving everything. I was pleased with him last week; if he can produce that again, that'll be fine."
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> It is easy to smeer at Paul
> Gascoigne, at the way his

"We were four years

lar kind of British decadence.

But he is also a boy who grew up in the streets and fields of Gateshead with a ball at his

feet, and there was a brief but touching glimpse of that side of him yesterday in the words of his England team-mate

said hello to me a couple of times. I used to think, "Wow, Paul Gascoigns." Now I don't think that at all I think, "Bloody hell, duck — here comes Paul..."

apart," Stone said. "I used to go and watch him at Newcastle United when I was a young lad. He was only 18 or 19 when he got into the first team, and when he came back to school to see the teachers he was a bit of a celebrity. He

Stone is 24 years old, and is everything Gascoigne is not: sensible, articulate, reliable. the old compulsions, he gets another shot at redemption.

His humour is dry and under-stated. When Stone described his feelings on meeting up with Gascoigne in the Eng-land squad, his tone had an amused affection, but also a pro's respect. "I always thought I'd love to see what he can do, to see if he can go

past you as easily as he seems to go past other people. And he does. He lived up to everything I thought he'd be.
"He's got something other people haven't got. Usually you can read people when they're coming up to you, him you can't. People say he's lost a yard of pace. I don't know if he has. I didn't play against him in the days when people say he was faster. But I don't think he has. I don't

think he was ever that quick, trankly. But he still goes past people very easily." None of us - not the people close enough to make for-tunes from him; not Terry tunes from him; not Terry Venables, who must rely on his unpredictable genius; not even Steve Stone — has the vaguest idea of what Paul Gascoigne's life is like. Sometimes it seems the biggest practical joke of all, played at his own expense. And today at Wembley, still gripped by the old compulsions, he gets

Germans romp in nude

HUT196 DIARY

enough of naked German foot ballers cavorting in the sauna. Have these foreigners no shame — or fluffy towels?

British guests at the team's luxury hotel have quite rightly complained about this disgraceful behaviour, and a yesterday shamed into issuing a public explanation.
Rather feebly he suggested that chaps do that sort of thing all the time in Germany and he expressed surprise that anyone could take of-fence at the sight of Jürgen need in your hand is a glass of schnapps. In Russia you just need a hat. It seems that in England you must have your trunks," he said. "You have

ND while on the subject of funny foreigners, here's an urgent travel update from the Bulgarians. Having swapped Scarborough (too boring) for Stockton, they were supposed to move on to Durham. But wanderlust got the better of them again yes-terday when they bypassed their scheduled stop-off— Redwood Hell (not enough sbops)— in favour of the Holiday Inn, north of Newcastle (nice swimming-pool). "I am told this move is definite — for now," said their liaison officer, who has hot-tailed up the motorway in pursuit "But it would be advisable to check on their hotel again tomorrow. At the moment we don't know where, or if, they

VALIANT attempt by the Eurostar at Waterloo Station are greeted by a poster asking "Are you going to Wembley?" and offering Which would all be very nice if the German translation, immediately underneath, said the same. Unfortunately "Gehen sie nach Wembley?" means "Are you walking to Wembley?

HOSE wishing to get away from the Tartan hordes today should head west to Bath racecourse and the Give Wembley A Miss Limited Stakes at 4.40pm. Clearly not a race for Gazza: it's for stayers over a mile and a balt.

Ridiculous haircuts that Gazza should consider, No. 2: Vaclav Nemecak (Czech Republic, below).



Torsorial note: Strikingly silly. Not even Bobby Charlton would go for this.

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Saints sack Merrington as Birmingham chase Papin

DAVE MERRINGTON now in the hands of my so-licitor. It's not much of a first Premierahip manager sacked this summer, only a month after he helped Southampton avoid relega-tion. Lawrie McMenemy, the club's director of foot-ball, has been placed in temporary charge of team

The 51-year-old Merring-ton, who was promoted to manager last year after 11 seasons as youth team and reserve coach, had his con-tract terminated after a meeting with the chairman Guy Askham,

"To say it's a great shock is a massive understatement," he said. "I'm leaving the club with deep spend regret and the matter is market.

difficult legal position and I have no other comment." Walsall's manager Chris

Nicholl, himself sacked by Southampton, is rumoured to be favourile to take over. Birmingham City are hop-ing to sign the 32-year-old former French international Jean Pierre Papin for £1 milion from Bayern Munich.

Martin George has stepped down as chairman of Leicester City. He will be succeeded by Tom Smeaton, who is believed to have secured 27 million for the manager Martin O'Neill to spend in the transfer

Davids sent home after row

championship, was sent home last night after a row with the coach Guus Hiddink.

The bust-up came after the

Milan-bound midfielder was dropped for Holland's victory over Switzerland on Thursday. He reacted by telling Dutch newspapers that Hiddink was "up the backside" of other players — taken to be a reference to Davids's Ajax colleagues Ronald de Boer and the captain Danny Blind. Hiddink demanded an apol-ogy, Davids refused to back down and the coach told him

to pack his bags. The player flew home last night and will play no further part in the tournament. "This wasn't an

DGAR DAVIDS, who easy decision to make," said in Group B, where Romania was expected to be Holland's inspiration in the when you have to take such Peter Mikkelsen's handling of decisions, however difficult, for the good of the team."

Blind said: "It was a deci-sion of the coach and he only spoke to me after he had talked to Edgar: I am sur-prised at what has happened because I have played with Edgar for some years now and nothing like this has ever-occurred before." occurred before."
The bust-up marks the cui-

mination of a nightmarish fortnight for Davids: His ineffortnight for Davids. His mef-fectual showing in the goal-less draw against Scottand on Monday followed a flow in the European Cup final when he missed a penalty in the shoot-out deteat by Juvenius. There was disharmony no:

their 1-0 defeat by Bulgaria in which a "goal" from Dorinel Munteanu was disallowed. Russia in Group C have also complained. They have sent a letter of protest to Uefz saying that, in their 2-1 defeat

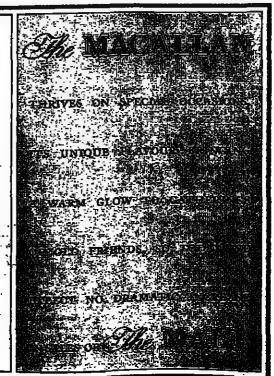
at Anfield on Tuesday, Italy's first goal was offside.



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Platt holds key to England

David Lacey on what Wembley can expect for today's epic encounter between England and Scotland

two dozen young men will kick a ball, and occasionally one another, around in order to decide Britain's future role in Europe. Or at least that part of it which ap-plies to the remaining fortnight of the 1996 European Championship. A referendum will not be

necessary, the Thatcher Foundation need not be disturbed, the only Gorman with a direct interest in the out-come of today's proceedings goes by the name of John, not Theresa, and a gold head, rather than a goldsmith, will be the centre of attention.

The luck of the draw, if it can be so described, has brought England and Scotland together for the first time since English violence in Glasgow before the 1989 en-counter forced the abandonment of the game's oldest in-ternational fixture. By then the contests had become so drab that scarcely a tear was

IIS afternoon some | There is no Jim Baxter to play England off their own park, no Bobby Charlton to leave a regular calling card in the back of the Scottish net. There is, however, the virthere is, however, the virtual certainty of a place in the quarter-finals for the winners, along with the dull expectancy of a back seat among the also-rans for the losers. A draw would satisfy Scotland.

The teams remain un-

known although Craig Brown's plans appear clearer than those of Terry Venables. Brown, having switched to a 4-4-2 formation in Monday's goalless draw with Holland, is expected to return to a threeman defence with five in mid-field. Venables's formation depends on the state of David Platt's damaged rib muscles.
Against most expectations
Scotland will come to Wembley on a relative high, Eng-land on a low. The Scots, hav-ing benefited from a penalty wrongly refused, emerged from Villa Park to receive

who face Holland.

who meet Switzerland on Tuesday, more than England. PHOTOGRAPH: FRANK BARON

Bring on the Tartan Tribes . . . a sizeable Scottish contingent will ensure than Wembley is a riot of colour and noise

their resilience. Meanwhile England suf-fered a media mauling after being held to 1-1 by Switzer-land through a penalty wrongly awarded. They were condemned for a second-half retreat which handed the initiative to opponents whose modest aspirations were

ness reactivated accusations however, another contest between club colleagues will need to be resolved. One of If for no other reason, Engthe reasons for Paul Gasand need to win to bury their recent past. They should win, especially if the better periods coigne's success in Scotland last season was that Stuart of the Swiss game are main-tained beyond half-time. Alan McCall was on the same side. Now the Rangers midfielder will seek to minimise his Shearer ought to know more ways past Colin Hendry, his club-mate's influence, having Blackburn team-mate, than already eroded the match-

"How's it feel,

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In the matter of team selection Venables is studying his hand so closely that the situa-tion has become blurred. Steve Stone said the players had not been told today's lineup. Venables said they had. It may well come down to a repeat of last Saturday's choice between Platt and Gar-

eth Southgate. Venables ght the latter into a back

However, should John Collins produce another fine performance in midfield and Gary McAllister spread his passing skills across Wem-

bley's space, it may take more than whatever inspiration Gascoigne can achieve between recovery periods to give England any sort of hold. One goal either way should win it, always assuming a goal is scored. By tonight England should know

whether their role as hosts for Euro 96 is likely to

Battles to savour

MARTIN THORPE identi fies areas where today's match might be won or lost Gascoigne v McCall

Beauty and the beast. The hard-working McCall's role just in front of the Scotland back three makes him the first line of defence in stop ping his Rangers teammate's runs into the area. But do not expect any man-marking. "The only answer will be for us to keep the ball away from him," says McCall. Or any physical stuff? "We don't want to get him upset so he takes his anger out on us," says Craig Brown. And anyway, adds McCall, "my little daughter idolises him and has asked me not to kick

Shearer v

Hendry Craig Brown admits, "This match-up could be decisive." Blackburn teammates who are as tough, strong and brave as each other, both are good in the air. Hendry has a two-inch height advantage which may prove decisive if Eng-land can get their crosses in. But Shearer, with his smaller turning-circle and greater acceleration, will be expected to dominate on the ground, with Hendry relying on Boyd to cover behind should Shearer break through. "Shearer owns the penalty box when he plays," says another Scot among his Blackburn team-mates, Kevin Gal-lacher. As Hendry likes to do the same, expect an irresistible force to meet an immovable object.

McAilister An important job for Ince, sitting in front of the Eng-land defence, will be to stop McAllister getting sight of goal to unleash one of his long-distance strikes. With renowned for their scoring the team rely heavily on McAllister and Collins to shoot from range. Ince will also need every snari of his down McAllister and restrict his forward distri-bution of the ball. But in doing so the England player must keep his discipling and try to avoid giving away any needless freekicks on the edge of the area and in prime McAllis-

for the quality of its football. I their approach, the fitness of Dutch. Confessions of tired. four because he rightly sus-After Gascoigne's collapse pected that the Swiss would against Switzerland there play with three men up. Platt was sacrificed from midfield were those who felt he ought not to start today. Venables's to help bring this about.

With Brown likely to recall
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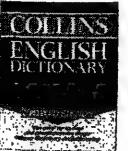
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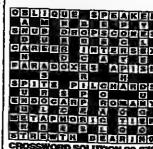
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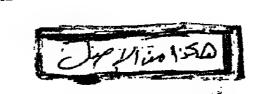
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Chuquicamata copper mine, Chile



The copper and robbers riddle

HE PLOT for the audacious multibillion pound copper fraud which was unravelling yesterday in de ing rooms across the world has all the ingredients of a prime-time television thriller. At its centre is a clutch of shadowy deals, the most mysterious called "Radar"

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The cast ranges from thirty-something London commodity dealers and a gamblingcrazy Japanese broker to some of the world's largest companies, such as the Japanes based Sumitomo Corporation. The Chilean government is implicated, too, hiring international lawyers to try to trace tens of millions of pounds of missing money.

And all this is set against the glitzy backdrop of Guern-sey and other offshore bolt-holes where private compa-nies operated, some because of reasons of tax, others perhaps because they did not wish their financial affairs thrown open to close official

scrutiny.
This is a shady world in which the small Guernsey Fraud Squad has found itself engaged in a gigantic investi-gation involving financial centres across the globe. Yesterday it was joined by Brit-ain's Serious Fraud Office and the City of London Police, who are looking at mainland UK companies suspected of being involved in what astounded traders are describing as the most ambitious global financial fraud: a systematic attempt to siphon off untold profits by controlling the entire world market in

It started out as a web of irregular transactions — code name "Radar" — that added up to £2 billion in deals and involved a tenth of the world's entire supply of copper. The fraud escalated — but early yesterday morning the elaborately constructed scam was beginning to falling apart as the Sumitomo Corporation announced that it had lost £1.2 billion from what it coyly de-scribes as "unauthorised trading" and that its top trader. Yasuo Hamanaka, had been

Hamanaka --- aged 30 and described by colleagues as being mainly interested in 'dice and girls" — may have been unknown in the wider world but within the secretive community of commodity dealing he was the biggest single player. Such is his reputation that the slightest suggestion that he was preparing to deal in the market could move the copper price by hun-dreds of dollars a tonne.

In major financial centres across the world, bleary-eyed dealers were manning their desks through the night on Thursday, waiting for the opening of the London Metal Exchange. For the City is the linchpin in the world's commodity dealing system — the biggest non-ferrous metals market that turns around £2.5 billion of business a year. Growing by 700 per cent over the past eight years, it has

Sting 2: sticky fingers

THE GREATEST financial scame have always proved to be the simplest — even in this case, with an individual working for a Japanese corporation running up losses put at \$2.5 billion or more from rading in the arcane world of copper. The circumstances under which Yasuo Haman-

aka, right, head of Sumitomo Corporation's copper trading division, carried out massive unauthorised trades over a 10-year period bear a striking resemblance to another copper market scandal — the Codelco affair of January 1994. On that occasion another lone individual, Juan Pablo Davila, who was responsible for the market dealings of Chile's state-owned copper agency, confessed to making losses of more than \$200 million over five years.

At first this "rogue trader" claimed simply to have made a few mirror mistakes and then to have

made London the global cantre for metal dealing. Copper may not be as glamorous as diamonds or gold but it is of huge strategic importance in practically every iniustrial activity. The metal links together most of the world's telephone networks and provides the guts of elec tric motors, transformers and printed circuit boards. It's big

Within minutes of the market opening on Friday, it became clear that Sumitomo's predicted losses were wildly. optimistic. As the shock wverberated around the market, the price of copper dropped like a stone. In early trading, Sumitomo's losses vere escalating at the rate of \$3 million every minute, send-ing shivers through the share markets and raising fears of major casualties among financial institutions with a big exposure to the copper market. somewhat during afternoon

This affair stretches from

Chile to Tokyo, from the City of London to the hectic dealing rooms of New York, For the last three years, regula-tors which monitor these markets have been increasingly uneasy about a spate of switch-back movements in the copper price which could not be explained by prevailing trading conditions. But it was only when 15 members of the Guernsey Fraud Squad, ac-companied by regulators from Britain and the US, raided three premises on the island on May 11 that the scale of the complex fraud began to take

shape. The purpose of the raid remains a puzzle. Fresh from

umpiring his local cricket team, Chief Inspector Harris

repeatedly parries all ques-

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tions, beyond confirming that it concerned a "major inter-

national fraud" and admitting

racked up huge losees in a desperate attempt to win back the money. But investigators discovered cash, in off-shore tax havens such as the Cayman Islands. Payments into these accounts, controlled metal brokers

With Codelco now suing several of these brokers, the straightforward charge being made is that its employee knowingly entered into trades with metal brokers which he knew would produce osses. A portion of the profits reaped by brokers In London would then be passed back to Davils through his secret accounts.

The betting now is that Sumitomo has fallen victim to a similar fraud. Investigators from around the world will be tracing which brokers dealt with Hamanaka and who made money.

All we know for sure is that lawyers in at least three continents will be kept in business for years.

that half-a-dozen plain-clothes officers entered the house early last Sunday morning and took away a number of documents. However, Tickier declines to return me left at his office and staff re-fuse to answer any questions

Tracing the ownership of the companies involves requesting files in Le Greffe, the main Guernsey register of commercial businesses. One understood to have been ques tioned by police is Ian Tickler, firm blurs into another; nomi-nee holdings in the Channel chairman of the Islands disappear into anony-British window-fittings commous holding companies in the British Virgin Islands, and the Republic of Ireland. It's pany Arthur Shaw. He is also director of a range of Guern-sey-listed financial compalike running into a fog.
It is understood that the nies, including Fermain Legal Services and City Gate Trust. mysterious Guernsey raid was a major part in a far-more wide-ranging inquiry being masterminded by police ager most luxurious quarters of cies and two powerful regula-tory bodies — Britain's Secuthe Guernsey capital of St Pe-

rities and Investment Board (SIB) and the US-based Commodities and Futures Trading Commission. For weeks they have been ploughing through documents unserthed in the raids and discussing the findings privately with companies involved. Earlier this week, it became clear that they could delay no longer. Such was the overwhelming weight of evilence against Yasuo Hanamaka that his employer was forced to admit late on Thursday night that a huge fraud had been unearthed.

The authorities had long been concerned about the run-ning of the market because of the discovery by Codelco, the Chilean state copper concern, that one of its traders — now arrested — had been taking bribes in return for giving international dealing firms hugely favourable deals. Co-delco has hired international lawyers in an attempt to get its money back. But the latest inquiry has

shown that irregularities within the copper market go far deeper. The common link is Hamanaka, now reported to be under house arrest. Authorities first became suspicious when news started leaking out about the "Radar" deals involving him and a major British commodity dealing company. The trading coup aroused suspicions in the Securities and Futures Authority (SFA), the City watch-dog charged with regulating the London metals market. and a secret investigation was launched in October 1994.

The world copper market, which passes through the hands of the commodity traders, was unusually volatile during 1993. Prices slumped from \$2,500 a tonne early that year to a low of \$1,600 in the summer and then rocketed topping \$3,000 a tonne by the nummer of 1994. In the months after these rapid fluctuations, SFA officials were conducting routine checks at British deal-ing firms. In September of 1994 they stumbled across details of the immensely profitable £2 billion transaction struck

FORMAL, although confiden-tial, inquiry was SFA investigators received what were believed to be unsatisfactory answers to questions counts. One was codenamed "Radar", the other "Magn". The probe lasted eight weeks, with a report being produced in December 1994.

This is the tip of the iceberg. Even investigators close to the inquiry admit they still have no real feeling about the extent of the fraud. But clearly it goes well beyond Hamanaka. The police are stepping up the pressure. And others involved will soon find there is nowhere to hide — even in the looking-glass world of the Guernsey super-rich.

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A kind of Russian roulette

WO CANDIDATES, one presidency ... and the devil's choice for the Russian people to make between them. Foreign headlines that Boris Yeltsin is the only man for Russia are no help at all, merely conveying the vote-losing message that he is the only man for the West. Yet we should avoid the revisionist trap of concluding that Gennady Zyuganov must be preferable. It might serve the advocates of untram-melled free marketry right if Russia returned (as they would put it) into com-munist hands, but Mr Zyuganov has problems of of his own. It is futile to look for an alternative elsewhere. The other candidate likely to do best is the ultranationalist buffoon Vladimir Zhirinovsky beside whom General Lebed, admirer of General Pinochet, appears a

The liberal economist Grigory Yavlinsky or his former boss Mikhail Gorbachev might be labelled more appropriately good for Russia, but it is not going to happen. Unless Mr Zhirinovsky springs a very nasty surprise, the other candidates will only count if and when their allegiances have to be transferred for a second round.

Rostov-on-Don in southern Russia Rostov-on-Don in southern Russia typifies the collapse of well-established industry and popular confidence. Its agricultural machinery has become outdated and the miners in the Donets Basin coalfield are paid late if at all. Both leading presidential candidates have visited Rostov recently. Mr Yeltsin was there last week, dropping in on a rock concert in the city stadium. "Young people," he bellowed: "You are Russia's future, you are Russia's hope... I don't think you would allow yourselves to be restrained (by communism) — you won't allow this (by communism) — you won't allow this to happen." Then he joined in the dancing on stage performing commendably, according to a TV commentator, "for a man of his age and position".

Mr Zyuganov has also visited Rostoy, and tells the story himself. Tens of thousands of people, he proudly relates, stood in the square in silence, as if they were listening to a patriotic announcement from the Soviet Information Bureau in the most crucial days of the Great Fatherland War. Instead, they were listening to him. Suddenly a worker came up to the rostrum with a toolbag, and produced an ordinary metal-worker's hammer, "Gennady Andreyevich," said this honest man, "I want to hand you not a sword but a hammer. With just one instruction: Let us work!" He was followed by a woman with a bunch of flowers and another in-struction: Help Mother Russia. Mr Zyuganov said he would do just that.

All elections have an element of charade but it is hard to detect the substance behind either of these two con-trasting performances. Mr Yeltsin has handed out largesse — while international financial institutions which would normally be appalled look the other way. He has shamelessly played the Red card and projected himself as Russia's big daddy, in an act which many voters seem to enjoy even while they see through it. Mr Zyuganov appeals to an older form of patriotism and while rejecting the methods of Stalin he invokes this part at least of the old man's spirit. His policies may be fairly bland but he has an alarming sense of history. If Stalin had lived five to seven years longer, he argues, then the dictator would have succeeded in reviving Russla's tradition of "spiritual government" and the Soviet Union would not have collapsed. Mr Zyuganov was never one of the children of the 20th Party congress: he belongs to the political generation formed under Brezhnev rather than Khrushchev. His appeal is not improved by a strong whiff of anti-Semitism in his camp — which he con-demns ambiguously as the by-product of

We can only hold our breath and watch. Choosing sides is not only counter-productive but presumptuous. The outside world has given plenty of dubious advice to Russia since 1990 and its track record of prediction is unremittingly poor. The two main candidates represent substantial arguments in society even if they do so in a parodied form. The Russian people cannot escape being part of the drama, but most of them go into it with their eyes wide open: they do not need distracting noises offstage.

nationalism taken too far.

Calling time on the century

T IS an ominous sign of national angst
— both political and economic — that the Government still hasn't persuaded enough businessmen to support the proposed £500 million Millennium Exhibition at Greenwich despite the carrot provided by £200 million of lottery money. What a contrast both to the extravagant self-confidence of the Great Exhibition of 1851 — built at a profit by private means without any help from the taxpayer and to the publicly funded Festival of Britain in 1951 which waved goodbye to post-war austerity. Both in contrasting ways knew exactly what they were doing and did it with panache. Greenwich can't decide whether it is a public or a private project but has to have a private sector presence to satisfy Government dogma even though industry can't make a profit out of it. It has an interesting theme - 12

pavilions dedicated to aspects of "time" which Greenwich has more reason to promote than anywhere else: but still no Great Idea beyond celebrating the passing of another 1,000 years. It needs to become a rallying point for the nation and provide infrastructure which will survive at least for the next 100 years not to be pulled down as so much of the Festival of Britain was. Pessimists say it is too late now to change direction with the millennium barely three and a half years away and point to the hugely late

British Library as an example of infrastructural projects which lose their sense of time. Maybe it is just that sense of pessimism that Greenwich needs to dispel After all, the Great Exhibition was constructed in barely seven months. (Perhaps there should be a competition to build a replica in even less time).

If Greenwich is to be regenerative in spirit, then part of the site ought to be set aside for a Millennium Village harnessing state-of-the-art technology from all over the world to build a model habitation for the next century. It could combine the most advanced techniques from the digital and "green" revolutions in a suitably landscaped environment with workshops, a "virtual library", enter-tainment facilities and a school-of-the-future which interested parties elsewhere could access through the Internet. The village could be partly covered by a glass canopy (as Sir Richard Rogers plans for the South Bank) to raise the temperature enough to make it an outdoor living space. Such a habitat would be useful in its own right but would also generate ideas for others and provide a spur for Michael Heseltine's dream of Thames-side regeneration.

There is obvious irony when time runs out for an exhibition dedicated to time: and there is no doubt that the schedule is looking daunting. But the prospect of deadlines can also be exhilarating. If a contaminated gasworks site in Greenwich can be turned into a showcase for the next century in less than three and a half years then it will be a cause for national celebration in its own right. And if it isn't? Perish the thought.

JONATHAN STEELE finds that fear is the key in tomorrow's Russian presidential election — Yeltsin or Zyuganov? Right or left? Bad or worse? Go for the communist, he argues. Illustration: PETER TILL

Devil's horns of a dilemma

paigns polarise and desperate candidates polarise absolutely. The Russian presidential contest is described in some quarters as the most doom-laden watershed since the collapse of the Soviet Union, with the danger of carrying Russia back to totalitarianism. This "Apocalypse Now" variant has been heavily pushed by Boris Yeltsin, the three national television channels he controls and regrettably, the majority of

the western media. This extreme presentation of tomorrow's choice became inevitable once Yeltsin decided to run for re-election. His instinct has always been confrontational, his style simplistic. Given his unpopularity, there was no way other than by trading on fear that he could win the election, or hope to get western support for refusing to accept defeat and

hand over power. The less hysterical view is that Russians will not be choosing between enlightened reform and repressive reac-tion but between centre-right and centre-left. The issues on which that cleavage makes itself felt are not the same as in Western Europe, for cultural and historical reasons. Russia is going through a painful transition, from a system of almost 100 per cent state ownership to privatisation, from controlling a vast empire to reduced international status, from the politics of enforced obedience to pluralism and openness. This process of chaotic modernisation has become irreversible but the question is whether its next stage will wear a broadly right-wing or left-wing face. The main charge against Yeltsin is not that he chose to

he failed to be the institutionbuilder that post-communist Russia needed. Gorbachev free society, lifting press cansorship, giving the green Ug for a multi-party system, introducing free elections, stopping the repression of dissidents and accepting the freedom of religious worship. When Yeltsin came into the Kremlin in 1991, at the height of his power and popularity, he had an unparalleled opporbryonic habits of citizenship and strengthen the fledgling institutions of representative

democracy.

To see how much he squan dered that chance, one need only take the parallel of South Africa, which was going through a similar transition. Its centre-piece was consensu al change. A constitutional convention was called. A gov-ernment of national unity was formed. Multi-party task forces worked out new policies for education, health and land reform. An independent broadcasting commission lifted state television and radio out of partisan politics

What happened in Russia? From the first moment Yeltsin embarked on a strategy of revenge and polarisation. from his decision to ban the Communist Party to his refusal to accept that the Supreme Soviet (when it started to vote against his poiicies) was a representative parliament. By refusing to join or found a political party he undermined the notion of multi-party politics, implying that the president was above the internal electoral disci-plines of parties. He put loyalists in charge of television and for a brief period banned opposition newspapers. He dissolved the Constitutional Court. He ran a bloated presidential office, where the lines



of command still are opaque and Byzantine. He allowed to flourish a system of corruption in which not one government minister or high official has ever been tried. He encouraged fraud to seep into the election process by ordering his appointees to engineer the correct result in the De-cember 1993 referendum.

The case against Zyuganov is also strong, though it is not the one Yeltsin and his backers put. The charge that he is a crypto-totalitarian has no credible basis. For a man who still calls himself a communist. Zyuganov's recanta-tion of the undemocratic elements of Soviet conmunism is no less forthright than Yelt-sin's. He criticises the party for trying to maintain a monopoly over all thought and action. He favours abolishing the authoritarian presidency and

giving power to parliament. The worry is his appalling

attitude to Stalin (his role in building up the Soviet state outweighs the repressions) and a primitive world view which leads Zyuganov to see Jewish or CIA conspiracies everywhere. The Stalin point is an historical curiosity and his view of the outside world has litle operational signifi-cance. In practice, his foreign policy would have none of the aggressive and neo-imperial-

st emotionalism of Vladimir Zhirinovsky. Zyuganov's main aim is to revive Russian industry and the traditional markets the Soviet Union used to enjoy. For that he needs good rela-tions with his neighbours. He promises to do more to protec Russia's new capitalists and what remains of the state sector from foreign penetration by imposing import tariffs, holding down domestic energy prices as a form of subsidy for Russian industry and protect-

ing Russian banks. These may well be sensible policies if they revive the Russian economy. The present instability of Russian politics is largely due to the dramatic fall in output and living standards over the last

The real question about Zyuganov is whether he could do it. if he wins the election. The country is deep in debt and under the strong discipline of the IMF, which wants to open Russia as rapidly as possible to the global econo my. Zyuganov does not want to return to central planning but would like to run a more intervention ist policy with a stronger role for government to safeguard the welfare state and "cherry-pick" industrial firms which need state funds to re-structure.

The clinching argument in favour of Zyuganov is politi-cal. Russian voters, and par-ticularly their leaders, need to

get used to the basic notion of what the French call "alternance". Electorates can change leaders calmly and peacefully without it meaning the end of the world. Even if the new team is unable to make great changes, given the limits on movement which any government in a democracy faces, the regular swing of the pendulum is crucial in

any pluralistic system. The world remembers the dignified way Gorbachev gave up power in 1991. The only thing was that he was not elected out. He went becau his country ceased to exist. It would be a real sign of democ racy if Russian voters were to turn Borts Yeltsin, the first freely elected Russian leader in history, into the first one freely rejected . . . provided, of course, that the defeated pres-

dent accepts the verdict. Martin Woollacott is away

The old and the toothless

Rattling the bars



lan Aitken

OW that the House of Lords at last seems to be facing a genuine threat of "reform", if not outright abolition, its defenders have redoubled their efforts to portray it as an indispensible protector of our icioni liderties against to depredations of a power-crazed executive. Their lordships — and in particular the Lebour peers — had an unrivalled opportunity to exercise this crucial function

The occasion was the committee stage of Home Sec-retary Howard's deplorable Security Services Bill — a measure which seeks to legalise the kind of illegal bugging and burgling described so enthusiastically by the late Peter Wright in his notorious book Spycatcher. The spooks of MI5, worried that they may be facing redundancy in the post-cold war world, now want new powers to "assist" the police in tracking down crooks as well as spies and

subversives. Mr Howard intends to give them these powers in abun-dance. So last weekend the leader columns of the Observer and the Guardian issued a ringing call to our unelected nobility to correct the failure of the elected legislature to do anything to stop him. Illustrious names like those of Tom Paine, Milton, Locke, Mill and Wilkes were called in witness. So what

happened? Nothing. Well, almost nothing. Andrew McIntosh, Labour's deputy leader in the Lords, moved a series of amendments to the bill designed to set limits to the proposed bugging, letter-opening, breaking and entering and phone-tapping powers authorised by the bill. Labour peers had been alerted to be on hand,

and the government whips summoned their troops just in But in the event, every

single one of the Opposition smendments was tamely withdrawn, even though no signifleant ministerial concessions were offered. No one who knows Lord McIntosh — a vig-orous supporter of civil liber-ties — could imagine he acted on his own initiative. So we can assume that he was told to cave in by the Labour leadership in the Commons. That

is even tougher on crime than Hitler Howard So much for Tom Paine. Milton, Locke, et al. Old Labour to a man, I fear.

would be consistent with Jack Straw's increasingly desper-ate efforts to project himself

□ DID you spot anything unusual about Thursday night's Mansion House dinner? Or did it look just as stuffy as usual on your TV screen? If so, you would be wrong. A great blow was struck for classlessness, democracy and ernity. Ken Clarks and the rest of the men were wearing black ties instead of the tradi

tional white ones. This seems to have been a last minute change of plan, since the embossed invitations were altered by hand. It ent shock waves through the City, and right up to the Daily Telegraph offices high in the Canary Wharf building. Paniandrums of manners and fashion were wheeling out to condemn the move as yet another example of declining

Did good old Ken Clarke have a hand in the change? If so, it is one more count in his favour, on top of his admirable contempt for the advice of Steady Eddie, the Governor of the Bank of England. But even so, it isn't entirely original. The late George Brown, in his tired and emotional days at the Department of Eco-

nomic Affairs, once announced his absolute refusal to don white tie and tails for a similar City bash. It was contrary to his socialist principles, he said. So he went in a tuxedo instead.

This moved the wags of Annie's Bar to compose a new parody on the Red Flag, containing the lines: "With heads uncovered swear we all/ To wear a black tie to the ball."

C A RETIRED journalist I know, who has had the misfortune to lose his sight, possesses a pensioner's bus pass issued by the London Borough of Haringey. Unlike similar passes for sighted people, it carries no picture of the holder. In the space for the picture are the words: "Blind person — no photograph required." Think about it.

Smallweed

bring in market reforms in a Thatcherite manner but that



HITE tie may bave given way to wait-ers' outfits at the Mansion House banquet this week, but the most formal of evening wear is not heading into the BBC costume department just yet. Lipmans of Ludgate Hill, which has hired out many a tie (black, white and pearl-grey) to the feasting classes, was philosophical. "There you are," said Michael Conway, who added that the full concertpianist outfit survives beyond the reach of Clar-kian blokishness at liverycompany dinners and Guildhall functions for heads of state. Smallweed himself attended the Lord Mayor's banquet in Novem ber 1985. Young and green. he rang the Mansion House to confirm that "evening dress" was synonymous with "black tie". It was not. came the reply. "Had we meant black tie we should have written 'dinner jacket.' "The last two words were pronounced as if they were "bomber jacket". Wednesday may have been our belated revenge for this snotty

HERE is a keen per-sonal interest behind Dennis O'Driscoll's iece in the latest issue of London Magazine conceru-ing the role of work and pro-fessional duties in the life of Philip Larkin. O'Driscoll himself, a Customs official of 20 years' standing, is scrambling to finish his fourth collection of poetry and bave it away to his pub-lisher. Anvil, before the end of the month. Why? Ireland assumes the EU presidency on July 1, and O Driscoll is assigned to the task force dealing with all matters relating to excise duties, smuggling, drug-trafficking and the like. This has to be "the most unlofty reason" for finshing a volume of poetry, he tells us, but he knows he won't get a minute's peace once Dublin becomes Euro-capi

tal. As for Larkin, O'Dris-

coll seems unimpressed by

the argument that had be

packed to librarianship, his low-wattage output (Lar-kin's last full collection, High Windows, appeared in 1974) would have surged to Sizewell B proportions. Nor, he said, does he have much time for the denigra-tion of Larkin by those who have suddenly discovered that the old grouse wasn't Reiena Kennedy Political Correctness Rosebowl
— they are "wishing the vices of the world upon him".

So should a poet have a day job? "[The] age of the remittance-man writer . . . is gone." he tells us. When it comes to working in a bank, a library or indeed a customs office in Room 514, Castle House, Dublin 1, "I don't think it does any harm." But the provisional title of the new collection tells a slightly different story: Quality

HASTLY gerundive of the week comes cour-tesy of S and A Foods of Derby, whose "prepared with pride" balti chicken curry is marked as "ovenable". But while we have been munching over the implications (is Labour's for-eign-affairs spokesman Mr Ovener? Is Della Smith a writer of ovening books?), the Prime Minister, It seems, has been snarling over his own hate-noun. sion". Now, vision comes several lengths behind ovenable. It is, after all, a proper word. But John Major's teeth bleed at its very utterance, especially when that utterance come from the leader of the Opposition. The PM, it seems, prides himself on his reputation as a tactician and would appear to regard any-one with the "vision thing" as something of a comman take Major's vision allergy

as further evidence that he has had enough and is about to call an election. But the affair of the reprieved casu alty department tells other-wise. Only when the squeez artists are told to push off can we be certain that JM has become indifferent to his fate.

In The Writing on the Wall (Michael Joseph; 1985) Enoch Powell reminisced about the collapse of the last Labour government: "Watching Callaghan I couldn't help saying to my-self, 'There's a man who's fed up'... If he hadn't been fed up he wouldn't have lost the vote of confidence. He could certainly for a whiff of gas have had the two or three votes which were nec-

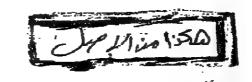
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writes ... no, a cab
driver really writes.
Plumbline is the personal
column of Len Plumb, contributor to The Cab Driver
Construction Wheel (Inc. Steering Wheel)
Est. 1921. "the only taxi
trade journal that is free
and independent". Plumbline is an ironic master-piece, brilliantly disasser bling the conceits and conventions of the by-lined conventions of the oy-linea as-it-is opinion slot. On May 30, Plumbline ripped into suggestions that the conical copper's helmet be replaced: essary." The gas was a reference to the famous pipeline the headline read "A Police Lot", the "man's" having manded by Ulster MPs and refused, suicidally, by Callapresumably dropped off ghan. Major, of course, has aircady promised a gas pipeand Len concluded: "A large

line (along with non-privati-sation of the province's rall-ways) in return for Unionist helmet will never go amiss." On to smoking. Len cut it out in 1980 which "does not support in a previous tight spot, so he will have to find make me a superior person-[but] I now have a taste for other things and best of all I do not get the brown some other demand not to

πicotine [that] used to mess with my breath". And finally, the consumer society. Forty years ago. Len was happy on 50 bob a week, but "I never had to worry about buying takeaways, computers, foreign bolidays, stereos, burgers and junk food". He concludes: "We have come a long way in the consumerism stakes . . . but for long?

OME advice for the American Labour Party, founded this week in Cleveland. First, change your name to New American Labour, second, cut all links with the unions: third, call for sound money and curfews on children. Do it now and save a lot of time.



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even the most Europhobe Tories claim to belong, life would be so much easier for

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British politics therefore

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Conservative strategy is based on the belief that things

can only get better and there-

fore there will be no election until May 1997. Yet the party's

words and actions constantly

imply an earlier poll. The dis-junction can surely not con-

offers a curious face to the

tive, activity coexists with elongated stasis. Operatic

death has nothing on this.

Conservative corpse awaits silver bullet



Martin Kettle

IE condition of the Conservative Party today is a bit like the condition of the villain in the last minutes of a Batman or a Star Wars movie. Picture it. The ruler of darkness is finally getting what has been coming to him. Zap. Pow.

Take that, you fiend. Kersplat. | besieged again. The party's And that Kerpow. Sweet | poll ratings are almost un-

revenge.
Then, as dazzling scenes of pyrotechnic destruction fill he screen for the big finish, someone turns to the hero. Gosh, Batman, he says, no one could possibly have survived that. And at the very moment that the schmuck says it, you know for sure that, however improbable it may be, this enemy's secret weapon is sur-vival. Wiped out or not, he'll be back next time. It's the same with the Tories.

We are approaching the final frames now. The plight of the Conservatives really does look irrecoverable. A year after John Major launched the leadership contest to end all leadership contests, he is

poll ratings are almost un-changed from 1995. Tory MPs encies with majorities of 8,000 are now unwinnable at the general election.

At Westminster the party is

consumed with the distrac-tions of which Major complained in his speech to Welsh Conservatives yesterday. If anything, his MPs are less disciplined now than before. even with a general election much closer. Many are demob-happy. John Redwood has a spring in his step. No wonder that Major's speech a Porthcawl displayed that halfcombative, half-petulant man ner which we last heard when he put his job on the line in the Downing Street garden.

The Europhobic wing is more audacious than ever, as Bill Cash and friends showed this week. A line of volunteers from right and left — Dicks. Dykes and the rest - queue to shake the dwindled majority still further. Angry shouts can be heard from Lady Thatcher's locked attic. The the right for many reasons, and not merely over Europe, but Labour has also succeeded whips -- toothless bulldogs in in pushing them and keeping the Edgeware case — are as them there. If Major really led

In Parliament, the Government survives largely by having nothing much to do. There are almost no bills going through the Commons. One of the few exceptions, the Family Law Bill, has been rewritten by the Opposition and the Tory Right, yet no one except the Lord Chancellor seems to be very concerned. Real politics is being conducted beween consenting adults only in Northern Ireland and in Brussels, but in neither case glory. The coming fortnight. as Major tries to put the best gloss on events in Florence, threatens to be even more treacherous than the last.

hard-pressed as anyone can

Underlying everything is tinue much longer. If it does, the Conservatives' continuing failure to dent Labour's new the Conservatives may yet be driven to call an election on the basis that things can only majority, not just its poll majority but its command of the political arena too. The Logically, therefore, the Conservatives have moved to

final frame approaches, in which the Conservatives are ctually marmolised by and in full view of the voters. Every week that passes without a significant or even a slight shift in their direction in the polls makes this prospect more plausible. The evidence really begins to point to a very strong Labour majority at the next general election.

that victory as part of a long-term mouldreaking change in British politics. They assume that Tory disarray of the sort we have seen this week will bring Labour victory, and tha Labour's victory will in turn intensify Tory disarray. They go on to argue that the Conservatives will divide over Europe, and that Labour, providing it can govern competently, will create a new political hegemony, with the

Liberal Democrats if necessary, but without them if not It is a nice neat political syllogism. But it is also naive.
Whether it turns out to be true depends upon Labour. But it also exaggerates the uniqueness of what is happening to the Conservatives, overstat-ing the newness of the party's current factionalism, and underestimating its ability to regroup in opposition. Para-

doxically, Tory divisions may be less dramatic in opposition than they are in government. Nothing in the past offers a precise template for anything that will happen in the future Comparisons which suggest that John Major is the Robert Peel of the modern Tories, and that the party will split into two under his leadership, are silly, superficial and self-important. Insofar as there is a useful analogy from history it is actually with the tariff-reform battle in the first de cade of the 20th century. But the chief interest of that contest for our times is that the organised fanatic wing of the party (in that case the imperi-alists, today the Eurosceptics)

could manage only a pyrrhic victory over the pragmatic party establishment. And that was on the basis of a much more ruthless and efficient factional organisation, dedicated to purging the party of free mader candidates.

Factionalism is endemic not epidemic in Conservative Party history, and loyalty has never been as strong as many pretend. In several respects the current wave of in-fighting is more modest than some episodes in the past and the tricks to which the combatants resort are less dirty. Major does not, I suspect, tap his opponents' phones, as Neville Chamberlain did and his uncle Joseph would have

Perhaps Labour's prospec tive election victory will indeed be a turning-point. That outcome is in Labour's own hands. But Labour hould not suppose that it will be kept in power by Conserva-tive disintegration. The Tories have survived worse than this. Labour could face a surprisingly disciplined oppo nent in the election of 2001

American 'pleasure revengers' are sick and tired of clean living and are revelling in being bad, says
CAROLINE SULLIVAN

Eat, drink smoke cigars and make whoopee

calorie? Wouldn't you really rather followed by a 21b steak cooked in butter, then a nice cigar to

round off your meal? That's exactly the sort of Indulgent repast many Ameri cans will be sitting down to tonight. It's not that they haven't absorbed 15 years of warnings about cholesterol and cancer. But in the last year, there has been a small but definite cultural shift. Self-deprivation is out — eating, drinking and smoking back in.

New York trendspotter Faith Popcorn calls it "plea-sure revenge". Others just call it a backlash against clean living, or if you want to be fancy, a rejection of political correctness. What is indisputable is that sales of premium cigars have risen by 600 per cent in two years, upscale steakhouse chains have quintupled their revenues and sales of cognac and whisky have increased by up to 30 per

cent a year since 1990. Numbers like that repre sent opportunity, and already plenty of entrepreneurs are catering to pleasure reven-gers, most of whom have the means to live well. The glossy Cigar Aficionado magazine, launched in 1992, now has a circulation of 400,000. Last month publisher Marvin Shanken paid \$500,000 for JFK's humidor at the Jackie

Onassis auction. And not all cigar aficionados are men; women in such numbers that restau-rants have been holding "women's cigar evenings" at upwards of \$96 per head.

Popcorn — whose company, BrainReserve, tracks trends for corporations like Coca Cola and Polaroid - defines drink, eating meat, putting butter on your food and doing it in an in-your face way — it's a backlash against all the things we've been told to do. which haven't made our lives any better." In her new book, Clicking, she claims that pleasure revenge will become the dominant trend of the

In other words, why endure the horror of serobics when you could be eating a cinnamon bun? Why stick to Perrier when red wine tastes so much cetter? And why restrict cigars to new fathers when they are, as Cigar Afficionado's

Nicky Singer puts it. "so relaxing and full of joy"? Sylvester Stallone, the mod-el Linda Evangelista and even health fanatics Michael Jackson and Madonna have all been succumbing to the pleasures of a stopic — though not Havanas, which have been illegal in the US under the Cu-

ban embargo since 1962. Fashionable restaurant chain Morton's specialises in slabs of red meat accompa-nied by fried potatoes and asparagus with bollandaise sauce. One of the most popular steaks on its menu is the 48ounce porterhouse. Any way you look at it, this is an unhealthy way to eat. Yet business is booming — Morton's is opening its 34th US branch



Full of puff . . . Vanessa Williams, star of the new Schwarzenegger vehicle Eraser

later this year. "People are simply tired of new reports every day about what's bad for you. We're going full-tilt into the next millennium, and after the power-tripping eighties, people want to relax with a good cigar or a four-course meal," says Morton's spokesvoman, Tina Richardso One hears the same sentiments time and again. There is a strong feeling of entitlement — we've worked hard and now we deserve to be cut loose. Forbidden fruits like cigars,

circles, cocaine) are the pay-back for years of rice cakes

and recession. This trend is not completely confined to white thir tysomethings. At least one black Chicago jazz club maintains humidors for its clientele, and Candace Bushnell, a Manhattan club-

ber-cum-journalist, remarks, "at Pravda (a New York youth spot) everyone drinks Marti-nis and steals the glasses. I'll smoke an occasional cigar my self. I like small Cuban ones it's not illegal to smoke 'em, just to buy 'em." She goes so far as to choose alcohol, red meat (and in some

restaurants on the basis of whether smoking is permit-ted. Many restaurants in New

York, which has some of the loughest anti-smoking laws in the country, have banned it entirely, while those that per-mit it must segregate smok-ers. Places like Morton's comply, but show where their sympathies lie by declaring

hemselves "cigar-friendly Interestingly, simpler indulgences like cigarettes and beer are eschewed. It's not that they are not equally un-healthy, but they haven't the status of a \$36 Montecristo, a cigar or a vodka-cramberry Cosmopolitan cocktail, the current "in" tipple.
"People want affordable

luxuries," says Juli Falkoff, a director of Hennessy cognac. "When the stock market crashed, there was a lot of de-privation and downsizing, but hings feel different now. The eighties were very ostenta-tious, and it was all designer goods for the sake of it. People feel there has to be value to a

brand. They don't want flash with no substance. Value and substance are comfortingly fifties ideas, and Martinis, steak and cigars are office commodities. There is something reassuring about eating and drinking as your parents did on their big nights

That said, why cigars? The red meat craze is understandable, being a link to a carefree age when most Americans ate meat daily. The appeal of cognac and fine wine is obvious. But why would anyone want to chew on a fat tube of dried leaves that tastes like "hints of cedar with grassy, woody overtones" (according to Cigar Aficionado's new rival periodical, Smoke)? More to the point, what's the

attraction for women? "It's not the first time romen have had smelly phallic objects in their mouths that weren't good for their health," says the Guardian's Suzanne Moore. "It's trying to be one of the boys. The public display is like a lot of things women do, like going to see male strippers — it's female bonding, women trying to be

outrageous."
Some expertise is required to cut and light a cigar, which may add to the thrill. Hennessy's has published a guide to cigar evenings for restaurant owners, which intimidatingly instructs: "The goal is to clip off enough of the sealed end to expose some filler leaves, but not so much that the wrapper starts to unravel. One-sixteenth of an inch is the

right amount." Kurt Andersen, editor of New York magazine, divines a political element to cigars. "They're saying, let's be the defiantly anti-green, anti-wet Americans we used to be. No, it's not a backlash against leftwing tyranny — people aren't doing this because they find Hillary Clinton objectionable. They're just saying, 'Screw it, []] do what I like.

The last decade has seen a plethora of contradictory health studies with sacred cows being slaughtered weekly. Margarine, long thought to be healthier than butter, isn't. Wine has suddenly become good for you. especially if you're female, be-cause it may prevent ovarian cancer. On the other hand, it's thought to be a factor in breast cancer. Or is it the other way around? No wonder people have decided to ignore all of it.

When the first dietary warnings emerged in the seventies, Americans responded avidly. Working out and reducing the intake of fat became twin totems — awaress of health guidelines is now almost universal, even among the 40 per cent who reportedly take no exercise. Trouble started when snack how to make fat-free products that tasted almost as good as the real thing. There was the mistaken assumption that they could be eaten in limitless quantities, which led to "people virtually holding up delivery trucks to get Snack-Well Chocolate Fudge Cookies", says William Grimes of the New York Times.

Many fat-free foods are as high in calories as the fatful version, and given the por-tions Americans favour ("not ust double but triple everything," Grimes remarks), it's easy to gain weight on them. Ergo, you might as well have the real thing, which is why products like Ben & Jerry's double-cream ice cream have trebled their sales in six years.

Popcorn's book reveals that the fast-food giants' experiments with healthy food have Dopped; skin-free Kentucky Fried Chicken was beaten out by Popcorn Chicken, and Los Angeles McDonald's sell 300

They sweated themselves silly at work and in the gym in the eighties, now they are out to have a bloody good time

Big Macs for every five McLeans

Doctors are not happy While allowing that "a bit of red meat in moderation is not a bad thing", Dr Thomas Houston of the American Medical Association is concerned about the effects of Luculian eating and smoking.
"This is thought to be a result of extremely aggressive mar-keting by the cigar and wine industries. Cigars aren't as dangerous as cigarettes, but it's like jumping out of the fifth floor of a building instead

of the 20th." It is tempting to portray all America as engaged in a gross out of the kind not seen since the seventies. Yet every per-son I spoke to, except Grimes. stressed that they pursued their vices in moderation. No one admitted to having more than one or two cigars a day, a couple of Martinis a night or half a cow a week.

And Britain? Pleasure revenge is in its infancy here. There's a peripatetic film club called Cinema Fumée, where smoking is encouraged; a Chelsea restaurant, Monty's, which holds a well-attended Cigar Connoisseur evening once a month and the Choco-late Club, which sells luxury weets to its 10,000 members. That's it so far — but Faith Popcorn predicts, 'It'll happen over there, too. Brits need a break."

By Order of the British Enigma

B-list toffs and dull celebs. MARY RIDDELL on the dubious honours of the Queen's Birthday list

HIT or a miss? For a verdict on the Queen's Birthday Honours List, let us turn to Mr Devid

No, not the one who makes cream crackers. He hosted a show called Juke Box Jury. You remember. Very popu-lar in the sixties. A music programme featuring a gong to signify a hit and a hooter to denote a miss.

No hooters today, as John Major confers upon Mr Jacobs a belated gong for services to Brylcreem sales or some such thing. Not that one would suggest that he is undeserving of his honour. Indeed, viewed against the rest of the list, his CBE looks well-earned. Had Major plucked a random nage out of the Macclesfield telephone directory he could scarcely have come up with a more dreary selection. His list, of course, is sup-posed to be classless. As he

said two years ago, the

whole system was going to change. Hitherto, Conservative

Prime Ministers had adapted Euripides' view that high honours were sweet. Under both Thatcher's and Major's lead ership, they were sugar lumps to be doled out to assorted Sir Humphrys and those donating millions to party funds.

Not much altered, except now no one wishes to place bent coin in the central office collecting can, even in return for a one-way ticket to the Lords. So Major has again revised the system. Forget the classless notion

and welcome instead the faceless Honours List, full of B-list toffs and rather dreary elebrities. Van Morrison gets an OBE

after singing Northern Ire-land's unofficial anthem to Bill Clinton. While his efforts were no doubt easier on the ear than having



Gerry Adams harping on about a new visa, the President would probably have referred — had their nationality permitted — Dame Barbara Streisand or Ma-

Which brings us on to Beatlemania. Thirty years late, Major has discovered the Fab Four. Under his new Yesterday scheme, anyone connected with the band and of whom no one has heard does well. George Martin, their pro-

ducer, tops the list with a knighthood. Dora Bryan whose song, All I Want For Christmas Is A Beatle, was roted (against stiff competition) the best bad record of 1963 — replaces her Juke Box Jury booter with an

Give it 25 years, and some future PM will be handing out gongs to Lord Damon of There is, this time, the oc-

casional highlight. I like the heat inclusion of John McIntosh, the head of the London Oratory School, to which Tony Blair controver sially sent his son. Good to know that people are still being rewarded for services (sadly, these days, inadvertent ones) to the Conserva-

Nice, too, that Judge Stephen Tumim gets a knighthood (although he would probably have felt better rewarded if the Rome Secretary had listened to him during his time as chief prisons inspector.)

But the real difficulty lies with a flawed, snobbish, archaic and devalued institution, which bestows high honours, on a buggins turn basis, for those in government and the civil service, while offing up to the rich and throwing a few sops to sports stars and lollipop

On a minor point, I have never quite understood why lollipop ladies should be the great symbol of unsung public service. Why not school dinner ladies? Because, I suppose, there aren't many left after John Major's cuts compired at their abolition. A technique he would do well to extend to the current honours system.

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RANK KEATING (Time for the Scots 'tae think again, June 14) is throwing stones out of his steamed-up little glassouse when he talks about violent and unsporting behaviour as a peculiarly Scots trait. Perhaps he should ask himself the following questions: Whose supporters recently started a riot after going one goal down against the Republic of Ireland in a football

"friendly"?

Who contributed to the Heysel disaster and had their club sides banned from all European competitions?

Which country do those sporting Millwall fans come

from? The Scottish pitch invasion at Wembley happened almost 20 years ago and in those days the behaviour of the Scots was indefensible. However, Scot-tish fans — unlike their coun-terparts in South Britain — have improved. The followers of Scottish teams are welcomed throughout the world and their behaviour has been exemplary.
(Dr) D Robertson. 5 Alun Crescent, Chester CH4 8HN.

RANK Keating makes wild claims that Scottish football "hordes" ran-sacked London's West End but makes no mention of the much more vicious reputation of the xenophobic followers of

the English team. He boasts of the sporting dominance of England (pop. 50 million) over Scotland (pop. 5 million) yet ignores Scotland's recent rugby Grand Slams and its proud record in Scot-land-England football matches. As a Scots exile, I often try to convince my Celtic friends that the English are not so bad really. But Keating's arrogant and self-congratulatory article shows why they usually find that hard to believe. It also shows that it is

Tory nest, June 12) had been

a straightforward plea for a

referendum on UK member-

ship of a single currency, once the details of the deal and the

circumstances of convergence

were known, it would proba-bly have commanded wide-

ties (including from me). Most, I think, accept the

principle that such a major

constitutional departure as a

single currency requires popient, or the legith

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Bill Cash, however, sought

something quite different. He

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not only Scots who are "embit-tered" and "mean-spirited". John Richardson. School of Social Studies. University of Wales, Cardiff CF1 2AT.

HAT a wonderful article by Frank Keat-ing, I have been wait-ing for years for someone to put the truth into print. He got it dead right when he said the Jocks have an inferiority com-plex; I must add that the Welsh and the Irish have the same problem. Derek Howson.

Tenby Drive. Cheadle Hulme. Cheadle, Cheshire SK87BR.

S Scottish first and Brit-ish second, I would have to say that Frank Keating's article was accurate. While we congratulate ourelves on not being hooligans abroad (not as much as before), we ignore the smallminded, nasty nature which denigrates any English suc-cess, no matter how well-deserved.

Nicholas Griffiths. 14 Comely Bank Avenue,

HAVE often wondered why we don't field a United Kingdom team in international events. Maybe then narrow-minded little-Englanders like Keating would be reminded that they are, like me, principally British. Andrew Thomson. 118 Priors Dean Road, Winchester, Hants S022 6LB.

RANK Keating's piece of racist spleen brought home to me the fact that the Guardian is an English newspaper, not a national

Michael Mooney. 26 Stokesley Grove, High Heaton, Newcastle-upon-Tyne NE7 7AU.

currency?" Just how this

many questions.

might be implemented raises

compared to Labour's Bennites in the early 1980s. I

Trotskyists is more apt in that Bill Cash appears to be

proposing demands that are

probably impossible to fulfil in the hope that the popular

ders will help build a bridge

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John, you're out of time

WHILE taking my daily stroll through the Guard-ian on Wednesday, I notice on page 5 that John Prescott is quite rightly attacking job in-security and short-term contracts and William Waldegrave's complacency about these things. "Insecurity comes from short-term connor part of a European Mone-tary Union, including a single tracts," he says. "It's that kind of fact that most people live with from day to day and Mr Waidegrave appears to be complacent about."

Tory Eurosceptics are often I then turn to the jobs section of the paper and find the Labour Party advertising a job as an economics and research assistant, Looks interesting. But what's this? The details state: "This is a fixedterm contract which will terminate one month after the Dr) Martin Cloonan. Politics Department, (One-year contract, again), University of York. Heslington. York YO15DD.

OY Greenslade (First Per-son, June 12) claims that I That some of Bill's supportbeing savaged by James Gold-smith and his money adds inused "cryptic ads" during my search for Cherie Blair's politi cal past. Wrong. The advertisements clearly named me and the Daily Express and speci-fled precisely the information was seeking. Partly thanks to the efforts of Guardian readers, I eventually obtained a copy of Mrs Blair's 1983 election address and published a story about it. 245 Blackfriars Road,

London SEI 9UX.

RANK Barrett's ill-in-formed and patronising let-ter (June 13) about the BBC World Service misses the point. The World Service is what its name indicates: it has never been targeted at British expatriates. It is an unparal-leled and essential surce of reliable information for many millions of people around the world, who are often derived of such a service in their own

The World Service has more important news to disseminate than the Second Division soccer scores. The World Serabroad that this country has sighted to the point of

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TORY MP Peter Brooks

(City & Westminster) is one of the nicest politicians that exist. Now however is surely the time for him to blackmail the Government into keeping open St Bartholomew's Hospital, which is in his constituency. Go on Peter, get nasty just this once! Brian Sedgmore MP. House of Commons. London SWIA OAA.

Olinon Hoggart (Sketch, June 14) reports John Ma-jor's denial that his government caved in to demands to reprieve the casualty unit at Edgware hospital. "The tactic of threatening to withhold support is not going to work, it is not acceptable, it has not Over 175 FREE worked, and will not at any stage in the future." Which presumably makes it an admi-rable tactic for negotiating in Kevin Gonal. 42 Claridge Road. Manchester M21 9WG.

The abuse of training

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OUR leader on the child-abuse inquiry (When care is a dirty word, June 14) rightly demands action in the wake of yet more scandals. However, as someone who has managed two children's homes continu-ously for over 15 years, I would strongly urge any further inquiry to be set up in such a way that external man agement issues can be ade quately addressed. To do this, the inquiry must be led by someone who does not have a social-work perspective and can objectively assess the capability of social-service de-partments to manage these resources and the appropriateness of social-work training for this work.

I have had several external advertently have enabled, by action or inaction, abusive be haviour. This is usually because, although qualified in social work, they lack experience of working directly with groups of young people.

I have experienced two

reactions to line managers ack of understanding, both helpful to the potential abus The more passive gather all their information from the head of the establishment and can easily have all problems. complaints and issues explained plausibly. Others get involved when there are prob lems and put pressure on the head of the home to keep things under control, but are content when establishments maintain a low profile and 'consume their own smoke"

When I was running a specialist home, which caered for young people whose behaviour was unmanageable in other homes, my newly-appointed line manager (now a director of social services) told me to ensure that there were no more incidents there. We accommodated very damaged young people and suc-cessfully helped them to regain self-control, but over weeks rather than days, so in evitably things occasionally went wrong. The easiest solution, particularly for someon worried about losing their job would have been to imple ment something like pindown

to prevent "more incidents"

HE discovery that more people are offended by

swearing with religious con-

notations than take exception to other forms of bad language

as highlighted by Francine Stock (How the Brits swear by

throws an interesting light on

our national psyche. But how

whether the exclamations to

which they object actually con-stitute swearing in the offen-

of the Lord in vain". Do the

expressions we normally asso ciate with blasphemy actually

"Bloody" (a corruption of "By our Lady") merely call upon

the deity as a witness to what.

mented. Far from being blas-

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sions such as "My God",

'Christ Almighty". and

many of them stop to wonder

Almighty God, June 13).

sive sense of the term? The generally accepted defi-nition of blasphemous swear-ing is that of "taking the name

followed with my boss.

Instead, a stormy relationship

Many of the problems lie in

Good God, how very offensive

the assumption that socialwork training is appropriate for this work. I have taught on a number of diploma in social work courses, where half a day or a short course of six lectures provides the entire residential child-care component. Vital knowledge and skills do not exist or are pe ripheral within the social-work curriculum.

Compare a social-work-trained but inexperienced manager, and a social-worktrained paedophile head of home with a firm grasp of the jargon. It is self-evident who holds the power. You can get a diploma in social work without doing any supervised in-tensive work with children, where potential problem candidates might be identified. tackie paedophilia — remov-

ing them from children's nomes is not the same as removing them from society. But it would be a start. Making the residential care of children a distinguishable occupation with its own training and ethos would go some way to ensuring it was managed by capable and experienced people rather than purport-edly qualified amateurs.

A LTHOUGH everybody will agree that a register of sex offenders could be useful, the Government and the public at large must be aware of its limitations before we are lulled into a false sense of security. Sex offenders, especially those who offend against children, are both very devious and very pro-lific, and sadly the majority escape detection. Those who do not come into contact with the criminal-justice system, and therefore would not be on a register, probably account for more than 90 per cent of

active offenders. Equal in emphasis to the register must be detection, encouraging the vigilance of res ponsible adults over vulnerable children and providing support to victims. Following detection and conviction we would urge the widening of treatment for offenders starting with a guarantee to preserve threatened prison treatment programmes run by probation officers — and clearer frameworks for liaison

awareness that God watches

over us. This is in marked con-

trast to expressions such as the F-word, with its overtones

of sexual domination and pain

SURELY bad language was originally an angry per-

son's verbal safety value. It

worked because the words

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tect children and work with and monitor perpetrators. For our part, probation services inEngland and Wales are pre pared to take on new work in any extension of the supervi-sion of sex offenders on their release from prison.

Only when all these elements are in place and working will we know that children are better protected. Mary Honeyball. General Secretary, Association of Chief Officers of Probation.

112 Whitechapel Road, London Et 1BJ.

OUR leader makes a convincing case in support of the "monitoring group" on the selection, supervision and homes, as first proposed by the Warner Report. However, one Your correspondents -Andrew Hardwick, the princk pai of Caldecott College (Letters, June 12) — may have unwittingly conveyed a misleading message about the training courses available for the staff in these homes. Firstly, for many of these

staff the diploma in social work would be a suitable basic qualification if it was suitably adapted genuinely to neet their training needs. CCETSW still bears the res ponsibility for making this nappen at national level, although some DipSW programmes have been adapted in this way. For more senior staff, more specialised train-ing is needed, and it is not only Caldecott College which provides such training —as would be testified by the many graduates of the MA in therapeutic child-care at this

iniversity.
The funding for such training is severely lacking, and no single scholarship fund, however generous, can hope to meet the shortfall. Unless the Government can bring itself on Monday to puts its money where its mouth currently is and to require all employers (via the inspection mechanisms) to do likewise, nothin will happen to put right the Adrian Ward. Senior social work lecturer. University of Reading. Woodlands Avenue. Reading RG6 1HY.

Jail break

HAVE returned from France where I rented a caravan for nine days in a four-star site fo £360, to find that Richard Tilt wants £115 million to provide 3.500 new jail places (June 6). Why cannot prisoners be kept in purpose-built camps

like the one my family stayed in? The regime could vary between fillet steak and bread and water depending on the philosophical convictions of those controlling the service. but taxpayers would be spared the outrageous cost of £50,000 for each new cell.

Some, or all, of this money saved could be used to reverse any cuts in budget for the edu-cation and rehabilitation of reported, will be made neces sary by implementing a 13.5 per cent cut in unit costs. Gerald Hartup.

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Why less means more in the population stakes

TIS regrettable that your report (Twice as many child-less women as population falls, June 14) linked the number of women remaining childree with abortion statistics in quite the way it did.

SORRY! SWEETE-

Women (and, of course, en) opting for non-parenthood are embracing a choice which social and scientific advances make available for the first time in history, and form part of the most welcome and significant statistic of modern times. The resulting projec-tion of population decrease should have the champagne corks popping amongst all those with a genuine concern for the future of our society.

sconomy and environment Whilst any woman seeking: termination should have un-

possible services, the current number of abortions is a ringing condemnation both of the financial vandalism wreaked on family planning services by government and of our collective stupidity over sex educa-tion. If these factors were corrected, even more people could exercise their legitimate right not to have children, and the desperately needed reduction

to population would be achieved much sooner. Provision for the dependent elderly is a matter of political will and redistribution of resources, and is not to be addressed by seeking to in-crease population numbers. Root Cartwright. Chairman, British Organisation of Non-Parents.

Not a bad pickle, Mr Branson

HOPE I'm not alone in appreciating the irony of Richard Branson's whingeing and seriously disingenuous letter (Dirty tricks, June 13).

Although airlines compete with each other on a superflcial level, in reality all of them are dependent on massive, often disguised, public subsidies. Airlines, unlike motorists, do not pay £2 a gallon in fuel tax. While earthbound traders pay tax and VAT on tobacco, perfume and alcohol, airlines trade "duty

Aircraft are designed so that all pollution is directed out into the environment and thus on to non-aircraft-users. They monopolise land — such as Heathrow - appropriated from the country and gifted to a private company. BAA. Unthey are not subject to any noise laws.

And the customs and police officials necessary for the air-lines' smooth operation are paid out of public funds. Viewed in this light, Mr Branson seems less a young lion of free enterprise, more a parasite bloated on the blood

of the taxpayer. The Church House. Church Road. Frating. Essex CO77HE.

COULDN'T agree more with Richard Branson. If the BA-American Airlines alliance doesn't lead to price rises, it will go against the history of monopoly power under capitalism. I look forward, then, to Mr Branson bringing down the price of compact discs in this country — given that he is no doubt appalled at the "conspiracy against the public" that is the domination of the CD trade by a handful of retailers. Mark Brown.

Hats and tax

Glasgow GI 1JH.

/OU report David Willetts. I the Cabinet Office Minister, as saying that he was keen to dispel the old "bowler hat' image of "the men from the Ministry" because it put off applicants for the Whitehall elite training programme (Lure of Whitehall top jobs palls, June 12).

So why does the Inland Revenue, whose staff are predominantly women, feature a man with a bowler hat to advertise the introduction of self-assess

Ted Elsey. Assistant secretary. PTC Inland Revenue Group. 231 Vauhall Bridge Road, London SWIV 1EH.

A Country Diary

favourite of all Welsh names is the delightful Betws Gwerful Goch, which means the Oratory of Gwerful with the Red Hair. But please don't ask me who this colourful lady was because not even the scholars seem sure. The village named after her is in a quiet reach of country a few miles north of Corwen and when I happened to pass through there this week. I stopped because it occurred to me that it must be 30 years or more since I had last been that more since I had last been that way. "Perhaps." I thought, "I may never chance to come along this road again since it is far from my usual haunts." Moved by this sombre reflection. I got out of my car and walked through the village, so beautifully sited amongst its hills along the leafy valley of the Alwen. I saw its old church, its fine river bridge and, scattered along the

hedgerows, many bird cher-

MACHYNLLETH: One of my | ries in full magnificent flower are any of our native trees more decorative? By now I was beginning to recall a few ancient things I had once seen a few miles away. So, having an hour to spare. I went by narrow lanes to Llandrillo and inspected the remains of pre-historic burial sites. Then also remembered the old church at Llandderfel, with its grotesques and its venerable yew tree. Would they still be there. I wondered? Yes, there they were — those strange. distorted figures carved long ago on the church wall and, twice as tall as the church, the ancient-looking yew, which probably is not nearly as old as it seems. For yews, even youthful specimens that date back only two or three centuries, have a gift for looking older than history. They can be worth a visit all the same, if you enjoy old churchyards and their trees. WILLIAM CONDRY

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Testimony for the terrorised

ED VULLIAMY is one of only two journalists to take the stand in the historic Bosnia war crimes trial at The Hague. He describes his day in court as witness for the prosecution confronting an alleged torturer

N THE event despite months of preparation, it was a scramble to get into court on time. "Brace self." said the attorney from out of the blue, "you're on in five minutes."

The previous witness had concluded 24 hours ahead of schedule. So I exchange a pair of jeans for the attorney's Armani suit. He is American and works out; waist 30 inches. I'm not and don't; waist 32 inches. "How's it feel, at such a moment in history." he asks.
"Not comfortable," I reply, be

fore being ushered through a security door into the witness box. In front of a bulletproof glass screen, in the first international war crimes trial since Nuremberg. Opposite the witnes

trance, between two Bosnian Serb Dusko Tadic, accused of murder, torture and rape in the Omarska concentration camp and others of its kind, and of a pivotal role in the "ethnic cleansing" of Muslims from his home region of Prijedor.

To the right are the prosecution, by whom I am called. To the left, Tadic's defence. This trial like arguments over war itself -- is a tusale between the New World and the Old. The prosecu-tion is by three

Americans and an Australian. Defending are two British bar-risters, and a Dutch-Russian. In front are the judges, a former governor-general of Australia, Sir Ninian Stephen, the Malaysian Lai Chand Vohrah,

and the forthright African-

American chairwoman of the

ench, Gabrielle Kirk The Hague tribunal is a vast, than it appears from the for-malities. The investigating teams have been brought in from such fields as the US Ma-rines, the Lancashire Constabulary and the federal prosecution team that put away the police officer who best up Rod-

ney King in Los Angel The gathering of the wit-nesses is an extraordinary cene. For the first time in the history of international jus-tice, former camp inmates are due in court to see if they can identify their alleged torturer At a hotel on one of The Hague's arterial roads, they assemble from across the wretched diaspora scattered

by Omarska and the other camps in Serbia's gulag Many have not met since their days of incarceration, when as captives they suffered conditions of ferocity and abject terror that boggle the mind. Now they greet each other, and exchange tidings over breakfasts of fruit and

There, sipping on coffee, is Dr Azra Blazevic. We last met in the Trnopolje concentration camp, where she was helping out in the pathetic medical centre. She and another doctor handed us an undeveloped film which, once processed,

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revealed the savage beating of prisoners. Now, the doctor and I can talk generalities, but not about the case

It is for the terrified, emaciated prisoners, of whom we saw but a few on that putrid day in August 1992, when we stumbled into Omarska and Traopolje, that I am here to

estify The attorney leading my evilence is Major Michael Keegan of the US Marines. His purpose is to show that the persecution of Muslims around Prijedor was part of an international conflict — not a civil war — so that the charge "Grave breaches of the Geneva Con-

vention" apply. The second is to show the pogrom as "wide-spread and systematic", not iome isolated incident, so that

bsnia War Crimes Trial ECT OF JOURNALIST

Reporter on camera . . . Ed Vulliamy live on the TV feed from the courtroom which is broadcast daily to Sarajevo

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"Crimes against humanity"

apply. We conclude the first day's evidence with recollections of convoy of 1,600 Muslims herded over the mountains by Serbian gunmen. The second day begins with a round-robin of similar pogroms: Bosanska Krupa, Bihac, Jajce, Zepa, V!segrad and Sarajevo. Five years' work, several narrow i**pes, experiences as e**dic a! they were terrifying, condensed into a morning. Afraid of guilding the fily, I was apparently playing things down too much, the lawyers

Our tortuous journey to Omarska between July 28 and August 5, 1992 became court record. Meeting Dr Karadzic; a "briefing" in Prijedor with those who ran Omarska and tried to suggest alternative destinations; a mock gun battle faked by our Serbian escort to put us off proceeding, and our linal arrival at the back gates

of Omarska mine. I had not seen ITN's "rushes" — the untransmitted footage — of that day, with which the court accompanied my account. I have described the scene a thousand times bu it never fades and here it was in vivid detail. The yard drill, the canteen, those spindly fingers, lantern jaws and burning eyes, the guards swinging .

By the time we got to a now nfamous shot of the barbed wire at Trnopolie, and the emaciated ribcages behind it. I asked if I could switch off my monitor and refer to memory only — those skeletal corpse talk of massacres at other

The last tranche of the direct examination concerned a return visit to Omarska earier this year, in search of thos who ran the camp. Guards had Said no camp existed there but had declined to give their names because "look what happened to Dule Tadic". At that moment in my evidence the defendant abandoned his usual nonchalence, and picked up his headphones.

Tadic and I had eve halled ach other twice in court. His eyes are dark, sharp, hard and rodent-like. On the first occasion, I turned my gaze away. Second time, more in my stride, I outstared him.

Many colleagues think that to have given evidence is bad professional ethics. Only two ournalists have come forward to testify at The Hague. Both are British: Martin Bell of the BBC and myself.
Bell says that the question of

whether or not journalists should testify in the war crimes trial is "an argument that can be made convincingly either way — it's purely subective." I agree.

At The Hague one is simple offering the facts at one's disposal to the court. It is for the judges to decide whether those facts

favour the prosecution by which one is called, or indeed the defence. or are of no

That would be the case in any trial. But at The Hague there is an extra dimension which concerns the difference between "objectivity" and "neutrality". in both journalism and civi-lised life.

If "objective" is to mean that our writing must be fact-specific, then of course we must be objective. But "neu-trality" is not the same

At a certain point the perpetration of atrocity crosses a line, and breaches not only interna tional law but the bases of civilisation. I believe that at Omarska (and elsewhere in Bosnia), that line was crossed and that to remain "neutral" was not neutrality at all — but rather, complicity.

This is not a matter of being anti-Serb" or "pro-Muslim"; it is a judgment about where ope stands between camt guard and inmate, persecutor and persecuted.

The international community has largely chosen to accept the argument that be-cause atrocities have been committed by all sides in Bosnia, then "neutrality" is ac-ceptable. But this takes no account of the relative scale of atrocities, that the vast majorlty have been committed by rbs against Muslims. The CIA puts the percentage ratio at 90 per cent Serbian perpetrators; 8 per cent Croat; 2 per cent Muslim.

The Hague is trying alleged criminals from all three groups, but appropriately, the majority of the accused are Serbs. The fact that the tribu-nal is doing this, in the wake of the cowardice of the rest of the world makes The Hague the West's last chance to display

any credibility. Prosecuting at Nuremberg Sir Hartley Shawcross said the purpose of those trials in 1945 was that such things would never be heard again. He was, as he wrote recently, disappointed. I would have been as proud to testify for Sir Hartley against the Nazis as I am to do so at The Hague against those who echoed them with a pale but ummistakable imitation.

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I just want to be loved by you

Europeans adore Peter Ustinov, but the British still remain cool



bébé!" cries Sir Ustinov across the dining room of the Berkeley Hotel in Knightsbridge, as his wife Helène sweeps in from Switzerland, her brown neck apparently

choked with gold chains. "Bêbé, we are on dessert."
he continues in an accent that
can only be described as pure
Poirot, as she sits down and commands a waiter to bring a bleak order of Dover sole with spinach. Rummaging in her bag, she produces an envelope which she pushes across the table. It's an invitation from John Major, demanding the couple's attendance at a Downing Street dinner to mark Ted Heath's 80th birthday.

"Oh the 17th, we can't go, I'm performing that night," says Sir Peter unconcerned and stuffing the card back in its

envelope. "Perhaps you can change it, get your understudy ... "I murmur.

"Mais non." scolds Hélène, wagging a magnificently mani-cured finger. "It's a serious thing ze theatre..." More serious than Down-

ing Street any way," says Sir Peter, scooping up the last swollen morsel of his summer pudding.
Oh what fun to have lunch with Sir Peter Ustinov. What privilege to sit in such calm splendour and listen as he rambles through his life and other unrelated topics. No need for questions, just the odd nudge as he lays out his bazaar of stories and the neighbouring tables strain to steal every word. A human antenna, he

picks up every twitch and gesture, every accent and repro-duces them impeccably. The concierge is addressed in ital-ian, the maitre'd in French, each waiter spoken to in his native tongue, even when not entirely appropriate.

"A pot of lapsang souchons, and you are probably the only person in this room who can pronounce lapsang souchons properly!" he says to the Orl-"Actually sir, I was born

here," replies the waiter.
"Oh so was I," says Sir Peter, not missing a beat. "But t's too late to do anything

in St Petersburg by a Russo/ Italian/Franco mother and a German father which, he claims, has made all the differ ence. He is a man of many talents and certainly it is hard to think of a British equal. With his two Oscars, three Emmys, 20 plays, three novels, count-less memoirs, volumes of history, reels of film and televison triumphs, and an inexhaustthle gift for chat, he is that most

difficult of human beings — unpigeonholeable. Armed with our traditional mistrust of polymaths, British critics claim him the victim of his own versatility, the Inde-pendent once asked if he was "too talented for his own good". Needless to say, across the channel, untroubled by this need to categorise, the Europeans adore him.

"My last birthday [his 75th] took place in Berlin where I was asked to do a one-man show, to which the President of Germany came . . . Helmut Schmidt ... Václav Havel ... I got a mass of telegrams, all the beads of the political parties in Germany came. That part of the world has taken a fancy to me," he says, bewildered rather than boastful. "The fuss made over me was astonishing. Here of course it passed unnoticed — why should it not? Oh, except I got a call from Ted Heath saying [he folds his arms and goes into a brilliant imitation of Heath] Tru sorry I

couldn't come to your birth-

day. Can you come to mine?"

English always say to me, breaks into emphatic toff voice] 'Yes, but have the Germans got a sense of humour?" Afterwards, when the lights went up. I saw President Herzog and I said 'I must thank you for laughing so heartily'. He replied [breaks into stac-

love to larf. But it is alvays easier when zere iz a pretext!" A buccaneer of the anecdote, Ustinov is clearly saddened by his failure to be taken seri-ously as a writer here. His last novel, The Old Man And Mr Smith, has sold 500,000 copies in Europe — but only 18,000 in about that now."
He was, however, conceived Britain. "I've never been let in to the literary top echelons here," he complains. "Tve never been criticised properly here. Never! Die Weld gave

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over two middle pages to the first chapter of my last book.

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"Unesco celebrated my 70th birthday in Paris with a fantas tic outbreak of stars, Ted Heath came and played For He's A Jolly Good Fellow on a defective piano. Helmut Schmidt played the piano, and Yehodi and Caballé . . . it was God knows, incredible." He pauses, as if moved by the memory, rather than showing off. "All my children came and I said, 'Sooner or later I must decide what to do with my life'. My son said, 'Quite right. But don't hurry.' Mmm. I felt very encouraged by that!"

these famous people? "I don't know, They know me.` Well how did he meet Mikhail Gorbachev who he has just referred to twice as a "real He continues with a typical Ustinovian non-sequitur. "The

"I met him in Moscow at a

But how does he know all

big peace forum. I had a very interesting moment in giving him an honorary degree from Durham [where Ustinov is Chancellor). He couldn't get to Durham so be decided to receive it in Athens, at what

the Greeks called a summit although it wasn't of course. "Anyway, we had the cere-mony... I had hoped it would take place against the background of naked athletes [he picks up a plate and mimes throwing a discus] but it took place in a thirties ballmoru. and they couldn't find a way of turning the musak off. So there we were, with the mace

all the way from Durham, and all these distant bazookis. "Well I gave him his degree and it had very little press coverage. I then discovered why. With his academic hat on, it covered the birthmark on his nead, and nobody knew who the hell he was!

He laughs, his main source of punctuation, and snaps a brittle melba toast in half. At the neighbouring table, two waiters give a small bow and with a brisk symmetrical flourish remove two vast silver domes.

"Oh I was having lunch with the Canadian Ambassador of Rangoon once when they brought these large domes." says Ustinov, ever ready with the next anecdote. "I said, 'Oh I'm always terrified that one day they'll reveal Bismarck's head!' The ambassador replied: 'Oh, my grandfather!' He roars with laughter again then picks up the menu and

some wonderful names. "There's that ballet dancer [puts on effeminate accent] Ba sil Vinigwette. Then there's that American labour leader [puts on deep American accent] 'Erb Crotonn . . ." Though he is now resident

announces that he's found

in Switzerland. I wonder how he would vote if he still lived here? "Liberal Democrat. I could never vote Conservative, they all remind me of school prefects.

"I was saying to Ted [Heath] only last night, how there used to be a time when people enjoyed disagreeing, there was a genuine difference between the parties and people enjoyed the debate. It was such a mis-take to televise parliament. now we see how hane they are, those primeval noises they make." And much to the consternation of the Oriental waiter who is brandishing the Badoit, Sir Peter starts

mooing. "The early Labour government, whether you agreed with them or not, were always ringing you up to try and involve you in a communal turge to do something. Jennie Lee was never off the phone and whether they did the right thing or not didn't matter, you had a feeling of cohesion. Now well, they've got out of the habit of doing that, it's sad." Given that he loves his role

is a goodwill amhassalor for Unicef, has be ever thought of pursuing politics? "No. I couldn't cope with the compro mises involved I was at a party sitting between Douglas Hogg and Dame Shirley Porter. She said Oh you're sitting between us today'. I said 'Yes, it was an accident.'

It is of his work for Unicef that he claims he is most proud. This year he has spent a week in both Burma and Cambodia, highlighting the lack of human rights. "It was terribly moving. You know over 50 per cent of Cambodia's population are under 15 years old. The only advantage of that is they have shorter memories.

"There was one prison, I'd never seen anything so horrifying. It was worse than any other because it's wide open. people are chamed to their beds and can see the streets. There was a list of rules on how prisoners should behave. including terrible things like It is forbidden to scream when being flogged by electrified thongs'. And 'When asked a question answer at once, any hesitation will be taken as an attempt to conceal information." For once he stops loughing. "Iz zis a new tie?"

purchase. Ustmov comes not to scoff but to entertain. He is charming without learing, fun without flirting. Jack Cunningham should take a leaf from Jennie Lee's book and pick up the

says Helene, fingering his



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Left to right: A Scated Man With A Stick, attributed to Rembrandt until 1960; the Mona Lisa, stolen, probably recovered; and Vermeer's Girl With A Pearl Earring — suspect, some say

Hungarian art enalmost-perfect art crime. He would scour antiquarian bookshops for out-of-print art books which he or one of his dealers would buy. Then. choosing to imitate an artist who was well-known but whose history contained a few

lost years, he would set about painting a forgery. When he had finished, they would take a photograph of the painting, artificially age it and place it in the book. The fake painting would then be offered for sale to a dealer, its authorticity confirmed by a glance at the book.

Elmyr would have smiled at last weekend's revelations of dodgy dealings at the Tate Gallery and the Victoria & Albert Museum: three neople are thought to be at the centre of a fraud which was uncovered in September last year. As a result several people have been arrested and released on police bail. The fraudsters were led by a man who has been given the unlikely pseud-onym of "John".

John's" little game. which is thought to have been going on for six years and involves the British painter Ben Nicholson, the Swiss painter and sculptor Alberto Giacometti, as well as other artists, turns out to be an old trick. "John" was a trusted figure at the Tate, a benefactor who is thought to have donated \$25,000 to the Gallery. His alleged trick was to alter items in the Tate's archives and add

Which is the fake?

Possibly all of them. The Tate Gallery fraud scare has caused collectors to look to their art, says DAN GLAISTER

new documents to give authenticating background in-formation to works that did not exist. One of his accomplices, meanwhile, faked the works, which were then sold to dealers. The fraud was only uncovered when a London-based art dealer bought a Ben Nicholson watercolour for £13,000 in "good faith", and checked the work's history at

It is Elmyr's fraud on a grand scale. Elmyr, however. would have had problems cutting and pasting in the Tate's archives. Access to them is severely restricted: even Brian Sewell, the voice of British art, revealed this week that he had been denied access to research Stanley Spencer because "my interest was not

serious scholarship". But what about the other institution named in the case, the V&A? When I go there, I am directed past the European armoury, up the stairs and to the library. The V&A holds publications on art, crafts and design, and would be one of the sources in compiling a catologue raisonnée, the definiwork. Before I reach the counter I am stopped by secu-

rity, who tell me to check my bag in at the cloakroom. I return and register for a five-day pess to the library, my credit card and British Library card providing sufficlent proof of identification. Under "area of research" on the application form I write: "Barbara Hepworth, touring exhibitions, 1959-64". The documents altered in the Nicholson fraud are thought to have been related to a touring

exhibition of Nicholson's

olson and Hepworth were

work in 1954. For a time, Nich-

A dozen or so people ait in the central room of the library Searching for Hepworth exhibitions, I less through the sub-ject index, a series of large blue volumes with small typed entries referring to publica-tions stuck into its blank pages. It would not be difficult, I think, to stick in a small additional entry without anyone

noticing. But the entries cross reference to other publications and exhibition catalogues. I request two catalogues and within 10 minutes the originals arrive. With a bit of work and research, it would not be im-

possible at least to doctor the

records. This is not to say that a convincing fraud could be perpetrated, but it might just be enough to con a guilible buyer. And there are plenty of gullible buyers. The Holly-wood elite became very ner-yous in 1989 when Frank De

Marigny, dealer to the stars, was revealed to be brazenly selling fakes. His scam was revealed when an undercover policeman walked into his gallery and was offered Renoir's Young Girl With Daisles for 26 million — the real one was on the wall of New York's Mu-seum of Metropolitan Art. The Los Angeles dealer was arrested and 1,700 paintings branded forgeries. Madonna went home to check her Pi-

casso, and Sylvester Stallone gave his Rodins a second look. Some estimates put the number of fakes on the market at any one time as high as 50 per cent. While this may be an exaggeration, most of the major artists have been faked. The recent Vermeer show at the Hague caused some controversy. When the exhibition was in Washington it included 23 paintings credited to Vermeer. In the Hague, only 2 were labelled as being by the

Young Girl With A Flute, a "fascinating and problematic painting", was listed in the Hague catalogue as "Circle of Johannes Vermeer", and doubts have been raised about Girl With A Pearl Earring.

One of the most notorious Vermeer forgers has assumed legendary status. In 1932 Gentleman And Lady At A Spinet, a supposedly lost Vermeer, caused huge excitement. By 1947, 15 more lost Vermeers had popped up, including Christ At Emmaus, hailed in 1937 as the "art find of the century". Collectors scrambled to buy them; smong the buyers was Nazi Field Marshal Her-mann Goering. After the war, Dutch art dealer Hans van Meegeren was charged with treason for selling the Vermeer to the enemy. His de-fence was that he had not collaborated, as the Vermeer was a fake. He should know, Van

The establishment of the Rembrandt Research Project in 1980 in Holland to separate the ones produced by his pupils and followers led to the

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holles, the Mona Lisa, may not be the real thing. It was stolen in 1911 and went missing for 15 months. Conspiracy theorists suspect the picture in the Lou-

vre is not the original. The inquiry at the Tate began in September, but it was only last week that the story got out to the press, and since the story broke, the art world has closed ranks.

This should come as no surprise, After all, dealers and the experts provide the market for the fakers, and that market is dependent on trust. Declare a fake and the market could crash. In 1991, art buying in Japan almost came to a halt after the discovery of a major dealing fraud. "There's an awful lot more fraud we don't know about," Alice Beckett, author of Fakes, Forgery And The Art World, published last ear, "Even when things come to light people try to hush them up. Most dealers at some time or another handle forgeries, knowingly or not. It's a real Catch-22 situation either it proves their incompetence or else they are

Owners of Nicholson's work could be forgiven for feeling nervous. Perhaps, even now, the Inland Revenue are checking theirs. Last year it was revealed that the Government had accepted works by Nichol-£225,000 inheritance tax. It would be a delicious irony.

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Reviews

CLASSICAL

ian Bostridge / Roger Vignoles Wigmore Hall, London

HOSE WHO turned up at the Wigmore Hall on Thursday night to hear Joan Rodgers sing a French programme may have been disappointed she had cancelled at a few days' notice with a throat infection — but they were marvellously compensated. The tenor Ian Bostridge had stepped in as a replacement, and with the pianist Roger Vignoles he delivered an all-Schumann programme of mature musicality and perception. It was Lieder

quality.
It's hard to believe that Bostridge has only been concentrating full-time on his singing for less than two years; in that time his career has advanced by quantum leaps, yet he has maintained the German song repertory as the bedrock of his work.

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Every recital he gives is artfully constructed; here Schumann's Op 39 Liederk reis, the one to poems by

terliebe made up the pro-gramme, and as always his performances were placed strictly at the service of the music and the texts, without a hint of selfWith Verdi

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It's rare to find an English singer delving into the texts of these songs as

deeply and revealingly as Bostridge does. Not a shade of meaning escapes him; in the Liederkreis settings, which build up such a macabre se-quence of images of love thwarted and unrequited, he registered every emo-tional twist and stab of pain, sometimes reducing his tone to a thread of sound, sometimes height-ening the effect in an almost operatic way. In the Dichterliebe, the ironies that colour almost every song were instantly regis tered with a concentration

that never wavered. His voice is still develop-ing; the lowest register will gain in incisiveness and presence, the very top in body and support. But already he is an exceptional artist, capable of thrilling insights; this was a rare

Andrew Clements

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Club Orange, London

F EVER there was a free music diametrically opposed to the ruminative, suck-it-very-slowly-and-see school of improvisation, it's the output of the fear-some British trio of saxo-phonist Alan Wilkinson, heastst Simon Fell and

drummer Paul Hession.
Playing with the inven-tive Boston-based guitarist Joe Morria, they last night finished a three-gig tour taking in London, Halifex and Leeds. At the Club Or-ange at Kentish Town's Dolly Fassett's pub, they delivered spontaneous music of a scorching and unrelenting intensity that on a warm night might have led the management to contemplate summoning the fire brigade to hose down both practitioners

Morris, an impressionis-tic and independent guitarist whose music was once described as sounding like Albert Ayler as played by Grunt Green, welcomed the opportunity of working with the trio, and though the empathy between them was possibly shared more equitably in the first set (by heat generated by the Brit-

ish players was such as to

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induce the guitarist to step aside from it, as if for protection), it was conversa-tional music of the most intuitive eloquence, enthusiastically sensed by the crowd.

The set began quietly enough, with Morris impro-vising, wriggling high register figures on his own, the guitar sounding like Evan Parker's soprano sax. Then Hession's drums ex-panded behind him, a gath-ering tempest of metallic snare-drum rolls and urgent rimshots, while Wil-kinson on baritone saxophone contented himself with a supporting role of squawky fills and riffs.

After a drums / bass ex-change in which Fell (a clas-sically trained performer with a percussive sound and an unquenchable ener-gy) complemented Hession with both dark, plush arco sonorities and jackhammer percussive sounds of his own, Wilkinson returned on alto sax and mixed guttural Evan Perker-like biurts with swooping long

But in the midst of all this flamethrowing abstraction they suddenly dropped into a purposeful walking belon episode, and just as abruptly walked out of it again. There probably isn't such a thing as state-of-theart free music, but as a term of convenient endear

John Fordham

'An evening of real delight... genuinely enchanting... spectacularly lavish' Daily Telegraph



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Homes are where the heart is

Radio

Anne Karpf

West trial, I naively . thought that every variant of depravity and misery had been exhausted. Wrong Radio 4 over the past formight has brought us a girl whose mother tried to suffocate her, and another sexually abused by her father and her grandfather.

Both girls featured in The Road To Repair, Anna Parinson's new four-part series on the charged subject of "problem children" in resi-dential care, and possible ways to re-route their lives. The first programme proposed the hardly novel thesis that persistent young offenders generally become bad as an expression of being sad, on account of their harrowing childhood experiences. Yet it's an indication of how far the Right has commandeered the law and order debate that the programme was irritatingly nervous - people kept breaking in apologetically to say things like "This doesn't

excuse his criminal behav-

iour", as if anyone could poss-

ibly have imagined that it did.

Last week's second pro-gramme, looking at how three different residential homes operated, was far better and more focused. The first, a therapeutic community in Kent, allows the eight young. highly troubled people in its care to regress so far as the nursery, complete with waterplay, rhymes, and tantrums (which are contained by the caring staff) - a red rag to Conservatives, and the kind of thing that gives social work a bad name. Yet it's clearly

effective. Fifteen-year-old Nigerian Maria said that she wanted to be a barrister; if she hadn't been with the community she thought she'd have had to ask, measure of her new confidenc that she could lampoon the staff in a revue, coming out with stock phrases like "I hear you", which she nicely and indulgently dismissed as "Just community talk, really".

The programme strove not to idealise the community, the psychiatric unit also featured, or their inhabitants — drawing attention, for instance, to the way the kids compete with each other over who's more disturbed and therefore more meriting of adult attention. The third establishment, a secure unit, was of a different order - essentially a place of

down, a young arsonist still hadn't discussed his attempt with his key worker. The programme didn't pass judgment on the homes, but in a neat touch presenter Jenny Cuffe told us what they cost the local authority per child per year: the Kent community knocked them back £73,000, the secure unit £100,000. Allen Ginsberg is the first person I've heard use "audi-

tion" to mean "hearing" rather than "trying to get a role". The American poet, who was talking about William Blake coming to him in a vi-sion, is often depicted as a Beat buffoon — all anti-bourgeois theatricality and West Coast soppiness. But his half-hour of With Great Pleasure (Radio 4), was enthralling and surprisingly illuminating, read-

ing the 16th-century poet John Skelton as the first exponent of rap, turning Emily Dickinson into a counity and western lyricist, and uncovering code gay references in Walt Whit-man. Only when he got to the end did he come over all simplistic, suggesting the suppression of tenderness as the cause of everything from the CIA to nuclear weapons.

Ginsberg is great with a live audience: here he went without because the new With Great Pleasure has none. Though the programme, in which a guest selects favourite readings, could be horribly amug and cosy, when it worked well it was a joy, and one of the few Radio 4 programmes which gave a sense of occasion. But in the new BBC, an outside broadcast clearly counts as an unnecessary indulgence.

You've seen The X Files, now try The ZZZZ Files

Television

Stuart Jeffries

NEXPLAINED phenomena. Paranormal activity. Weird stuff. Why was Jack And Jeremy's Real Lives (Channel 4) commissioned? As the slogan says at the start of The X Files, the truth is out there. This week's ill-advised half

hour by these over-indulged ce-lebrities was a satire on docunentaries about the uncanny But this wasn't so much The X Files as The ZZZZ Files, a putative comedy whose chief virtue was that Jack Dee at least had the grace to look awkward throughout. Especially when Hardy reprised his execrable impersonation of Jimmy Nail for no defensible reason. Set in a Dorset village where 17 ley lines intersected, Dee

and Hardy played the West Country Mulder and Scully feeble feebles interviewing barking local yokels about El-vis's secret military experi-ments and sleeping with Mar-tians. Its comic premise was dealt with more effectively and briefly by Joan Rivers: it's no coincidence that UFOs are never sighted near Harvard or

Yale, but frequently at No-wheresville, Utah. Much British humour thrives on embarrassment, but here it was experienced by the comic effect. Like wanting to be somewhere else when a stand-up comic falls flat or an actor dries up, this was too painful for entertainment. If there is a purpose in focus-ing on Jack And Jeremy's Real Lives, it is to note that quality

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control in the commissioning of television comedy is all over the place. Dee is a fine standup comedian whose routines transferred well to the small screen. No doubt there is pressure to find another for that would make use of his talents, but, so far, the only successful one has been his wellexecuted ads for bitter Friday Night Armistice (BBC2), by contrast, made a

welcome return. Perhaps there is too much reliance or clever-clever editing: there was the Nine O'Clock News where objectivity collapsed into support for Blair: "Vote Labour Vote for them. Robin Oakley, BBC News." But any-thing that can make Michael Buerk look dafter than he does presenting 999 can only be a good thing. We have David Coleman's commentary on the London Marathon grafted on

> Opening of Parliament to look forward to in a later programme in the series As most of this topical programme is compiled near broad cast time, a preview tape of last night's show was not available. But what a ser of sketches for this six-part series shows

to footage of the State

is that the imaginations of Armando Iannucci, David Schneider and Peter Baynham are more twisted than anything dreamt of in Jack and Jeremy's comedy philosophy But, really, is it necessary to b so nasty about the Queen Mother? Not necessary. But destrable.

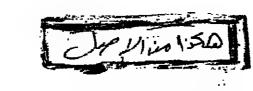
There's surely no doubt how the pre-match comedy game show Scotland v England

missioned. Stuart Cosgrove. Channel 4's controller of arts and entertainment, explained as much in the press release for the show: "Channel 4 broadcasts right across the United Kingdom and has to be impartial and objective in the way it covers such important events. So c'mon Scotland, get stuck in tae them!"

of Cosgrove's tartan wish-fulfilment that Scotland won. Scotland managed this even though they were represented by Gordon Kennedy, whose chief comedic achievement is to have presented National Lottery Live! England's am bassador was Nick Hancock, whose chief comedic achieve ment was to enter the arena in full Beefeater regalia accompa nied by Morris dancers. He proved funnier, but scored sev eral own goals; notably a clip of an English girl hymning the virtues of the Bay City Rollers over the Osmonds. Poor thing didn't she realise the Rollers were a Scottish export to corrupt English culture? Which, in turn, was a revenge attack for England inflicting Brent-ford-born Rod Stewart's ludicrous Scottish affiliations on

an innocent nation. At least at 3pm today England won't have the handicap of an Irish referee — the refer-eeing of Dermot "Father Ted" Morgan displayed an overt fi-delity with the Celtic cause. The Tartan army in the audience whooped as Kennedy clinched victory. They thought it was all over but it nash t even started yet.





With Verdi mania rampant in the run-up to the centenary of his death **MARY JANE** PHILLIPS-**MATZ looks** at the composer's life, rooted in continuity and filled with generosity

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A private hero for our time

HE GRAND span of sionel life as a composer, reaching from 1639 to 1893. and from Oberto, conte di San Bonifacio to Fal-siqij was extraordimery in a century when life expectancy for most people was tracically short. But quite beyond that accomplishment was the reach of his whole life, which covered nearly a century. Born in 1813, he lived

through the Napoleonic Wars in the Duchy of Parma, when looting Austrian and Russian troops swept through his native village on their way to the Battle of the Taro: Astrohild he survived smallpox as an adult he managed to escape laria, the plague of the Po Valley, and was spared in the cholera epidemics that swept the continent in his time

He remained in Parisduring the Revolution of 1848 and reported on it to friends and colleagues. During the Italian War of Independence in 1859, he stubbornly refused to seek safety in Genoa and stood fast in his villa near the Po even when Austrian troops were marching within sight on both sides of the river. In the unification of Italy, he was an important figure.

Verdi even lived long enough to greet the new century, although he was pessimistic about what it would bring. When he died in Janunational hero and a much-decorated international celebrity:

The burst of activity between the age of 28 and 39 left us with a huge body of work that has remained in the operatic reper-tory and extends far beyond it. His music is heard everywhere played on and off the stage and even used on the sound tracks of dozens of television commer cials all over the world.

In his own time, it became the common musical currency as it was played in cities and towns on street-organs and by brass bands. In private homes, amateurs played or sang arrangements of his most popu lar pieces, even as societies of local music lovers popularised his works in those small, salon

concerts called *Accademie*. This outpouring began as he himself said in March 1842, when he gave Nabucco at the Teatro alla Scala in Milan. He called this the start of his real career, it was one of the great societies ("Friends of Verdi",

time, making him famous al-most overnight and holding the stage at La Scala for one of the longest runs in the history of that house.

In 1843, he presented I Lom-bardi alia Prima Crociata in the same theatre, following it with *Ernani* (Testro La Fenice Venice) and I due Foscari (Teatro Argentina, Rome), both in 1844. In 1845, Verdi gave Giovanna d'Arco (La Scala) and Alzira (Testro San Carlo, Na-ples). In 1846, he returned to Venice with Attila. His groundbreaking Mac-

beth was premiered in 1847 (Teatro della Pergola, Florence) reside followed within four months by I Masnodieri (Her Majesty's Theatre, Lonion). Four months later Verit gave Jerusulem, his extensive reworking of Lombardi, at the Paris Opera. In 1848 came II Cozsoro (Teatro Grande, Triiste); în 1849, La Battagila di Legnano (Argentina, Rome) and Luisa Miller (Teatro San Carlo, Naples); in 1850, Stiffe-lio (Teatro Grande, Trieste); in 1851, Rigoletto (La Fenice, Venice); and in 1853, Il Trooc-tore (Teatro Apollo, Rome) and La Traviana (La Fenice, Venice).

After 1853 Verdi's pace slowed somewhat. In the years between 1855 and 1898, he composed eight more operas, from Les Vepres Siciliennes to his last work, Faistaff. Among them are Simon Becca I'm Rallo in maschero. La Forza del destino, Don Carlos Aida, and Otello — almost all repertory staples. He also revised pieces and composed songs, a string quartet, and several religious works, including the mighty Messa da

Requiem. NLY a few years ago, the names f some of Verdi's works meant little or. indeed, nothing to the general public because they were given rarely or not at all. But the surge of interest has made possible a kind of "Verdi industry" that has taken on a life of its own. Now we have Verdi congresses, conferences, broadcasts and telecasts of individual works. publications, feature films in large theatres and biographi-cal series on the small screens study institutes and Verdi

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final duet for father-and daughter, Gilda might well

As Verdi-marria threatens to reach tidal wave proportions, several sites connected with of tourists. Buses by the dozen. bring people from around the world. The first of them, south of Milan, in the middle of the fields to the east of the old Roman Via Emilia, is Roncole Verdi, the hamlet where the composer was born and grew up to become the gifted 10-year old church organist, with a sti-

pend all his own. emy and amateur orchestra and became the most famous resident, has seen several of its traditional family stores become boutiques. Even Ben etton has taken over space. Real estate values have soared. Art galleries and pho-Piazza Verdi and along Via Roma, where windows are filled with Verdi souvenirs.

"Amici di Verdi". Verdi cho-

vals are dedicated to his works. The Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, has other side of the Atlantic, Vin-cent La Selva conducts the Opera in giving all the operas in chronological order in Central Park. In Sarasota, Victor De Renzi attracts fans from all over the world to his producpanied by Verdi congresses. Analysis, revision, and de-

staging has reached the point where some Verdi operas would be unrecognisable if we '' them without beins able to hear the music. Recent settings of *Rigoletto*, might where good guys and bad are engaged in street war. In a planned vendetta, the hapless and unintended victim is a

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he went to upper school, mar-ried, directed the music acadtographers' studios march be-side elegant pastry shops in

As the centenary of his death approaches, whole festi-

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young girl, who is a corpse in a garbage bag at the end. What did you say? Well, it happens

all the time. If Verdi had not written a have been fitted with "cement boots" and tossed in the river. Is this really *Rigoletto*? Who would know? It could just as

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kind of life did he lead?

Harried visitors vie with television crews and with each other to get into the town's lew public telephone booths Verdi's own handsome resi dence, Palazzo Cavalli-Or-

landi, which be bought in 1846, is now also a museum: and one trembles to think how he would have dealt with the thundering hordes that in-vade his salon, dining room, kitchen and courtyard. It is hard to think of anyone more ntful than be was of having his privacy invaded.

Verdi's huge estate, the

Villa Verdi, at the edge of the nearby village of Sant'Agata, was his principal residence from 1851 until his death almost exactly 50 years. Several rooms of his large, comfortable country house

are open to visitors, who now come in such crowds that a former hayfield has been turned into a parking lot. The composer's original holding here, acquired in May 1848, was a small farmhouse with fields and tenant houses around it, bought from his here on May 1,1851, with Giu-seppina Strepponi, whom he married in 1859. As his fortune grew, fed by royalties, commissions for new works,

and fees for re-staging his older operas, he would buy one adjacent property after another, until it became one of the largest estates in the area. He was still adding to it in 1885. He also remodelled the

house several times. Surrounding Verdi's house is the garden he so loved, for which he ordered hundreds of trees, year after year. One purchase list begins with "120" plane trees, 6 larches, 6 jumi-pers", and continues through dozens of items, including "1 giant sequoia" almost 40 holly trees and scores of exotic and common trees and shrubs. Towering magnolias guard the house on both side

The small lake he had dug still lies beside his quaint grotto: his rustic bridge es it and leads to the magnificent line of trees (planes, as per his order) that divides the field behind the house. Near the main house is the little brick building where he housed the coal-powered pump he ordered from England, so he could water the garden. Behind the main property is his heartbreak-ingly beautiful mill at Castellazzo, still standing watch over the canal that irrigated his fields.

Some of this might have been lost, had he not explicitly provided for it in his will: "I place upon my heir the duty of keeping the garden and my house at Sant' Agata exactly as they are now. This duty also extends to her heirs." With these two simple sentences, Verdigives us a clue to that inner self he strove so hard to hide: at his core is a love of

continuity, and the prodi-

lous boy-organist of Roncole

is one and the same as the protégé of the Busseto ama-teurs' Philharmonic Society and the Grand Old Man of La His last known notes of music were a sketch for a prayer, written by the wid-owed Queen of Italy after the assassination of the King. The farmer of Sant' Ageta is the grandson of an earlier Giuseppe Verdi of Sant Again who left there at the end of the 1700s for Roncole, and the de-scendant of other Verdis who lived there in the 1500s and

The farm that became Villa Verdi had originally been Verdi land. Adding to the orig-inal purchase, he bought back all the little farms that the earlier Verdis had once occupied at Sant Agata, going back

through the centuries. Among these is the house of his greatgreat-grandmother; the present owner is the direct descen-dant of Basilio Pizzola, one of Verdi's chief gardeners, who is named in his will. Quite apart from his love for

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Busseto, where Verdi went to achool.

The Royal Opera House's Verdi Festival

runs until July 20. It began this week with

Don Carlos, starring Karita Mattila, right, and Nabucco, which continue in the

reportoire. Still to come: Glovanna d'Arco

La traviata, and concert performances of il

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on the big screen in Covent Garden Piazza

on July 15 and 18. Radio 3 is broadcasting II

Giovanna d'Arco, July 5; Nabucco, July 8; Alzira, July 13; La travista, July 15; and

Don Carlos live from the Proms on July 20.

An exhibition, Visions of Verdi, is at the

Theatre Museum, Russell Street, Covent

Mondaya, 11am to 7pm; admission £3.50,

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Corsaro, Alzira and Don Carlos (details

continuity, there is the matter of Verdi's generosity, for his record of philanthropy much of it donated anonymously, through third parties
— is perhaps without parallel among musicians. Small and large gifts of money were made over decades.

E BOUGHT 100 pairs of shoes so that the children of peasant families could attend school; he paid fees for wet nurses for poor farm women and founded or built or supported bostitals, nursery schools, circulating libraries, and illiteracy programmes. He "made work' for his tenant farmers when there was none, by rebuilding houses and barns; as his garden pay-books show, he paid his 11 or 13 gardeners even in

"From my village, no one emigrates," he boasted, at the height of the mass movement that sent hundreds of thousands of Italians to risk new lives in foreign lands. Verdi also gave money for scholar-ships and saved his publisher from ruin with loans and

noney gifts. At the end of his life, of course, he built the hospital at Villanova sull'Arda, just be-yond his estate on the road to

Cremona, and founded the Casa di Riposo, his home for poor, old musicians. Both of these institutions are still open and functioning thanks to the endowments he left in ais will for them and many schools hospitals founds tions and scholarships he

founded. He left bequests to his heir daughter and second cousin, Filomena Maria Verdi) and to his other cousins on both his father's and his mother's sides of the family; he provided for his servants; he left bequests of money to help the poor of Roncole and Sant' Agata pay their annual rents on No ber II. As for the Casa di Riposo, Verdi requested that he and his wife be buried in its little chapel, near the desti-tute musicians who were his "guests", as he called them.

His last wish was for an "exremely modest" funeral, at dawn or in the evening, with "no singing and no music" to be played. "I do not want any of the usual rites after my death," he wrote at the end of his will. This request was per-haps carried out "to the let-ter" when a very brief rite (without music) was celebrated at the Church of San Marco in Milan immediately after his death in January

He was buried beside his wife in the Monumental Ceme-tery in Milan; but it was only a temporary interment, for as soon as the chapel in the Casa di Riposo was ready, Italy gave Verdi a funeral worthy of a

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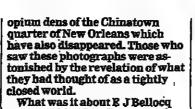
June 1996 ELLOCQ'S remarkable Hotel Russell, Russell Square photographs of prostitutes around the year 3 fairs with over 250 dealers offering 1912 in a brothel in Storyville, the red light district of New rare, out-of-print and scarce books, Orleans, are all that survives of maps and prints for sale his life's work. They arouse an appetite, so to speak, that can probably never be satisfied. Who

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that gave him this close access? Was it perhaps that his extraordinary appearance, his mark of the outsider and the loner, made him acceptable in societies of outsiders? Discussion of Bellocq and his work necessarily proceeds

through a string of questions. His easy relationship with the women in the brothel is evident from his photographs. There is about all of them an air of relaxation. If Bellocq's motives in making these photographs were am-



Unnamed woman at ease but watchful: like many of the plates this one has corroded with age

A lest world recorded by a lost observer -**E J Bellocg's photographs of prostitutes in** 1912 New Orleans. IAN MAYES is intrigued

biguous the women clearly found nothing disturbing in his presence. The transaction, you conence. The transaction, you conclude, was the taking of the photograph and that was it.

Very few of the plates have sur-vived in good condition. Some are cracked, corroded or have been physically defaced, the heads of the prostitutes scratched out by some unknown hand. So the subjects now sometimes appear to us as though through a gauze, evocative of a lost world, a lost

But in all the photographs the images are clear and straight-forward, the women, clothed or naked, disarmingly themselves surrounded by the trappings of an

unpretentions domesticity.

What we are shown is at least part of their reality. The odour of the close encounters is absent. We are left to speculate whether the decorum Bellocq discovered ex-

at demands on the edge of

Bellocq seems to have had an interest in these women as indi-viduals. They appear to have pre-sented themselves to him in a manner of their own choosing. If one were making comparisons it wouldn't be with Toulouse-Lautree but more with the intimist view of Bonnard. For a moment the fray of the street is at bay, the pressures of commerce have paused, and Bellocq's friends are shown, quietly delighted to have rediscovered themselves,

Bellocq: photographs from Storyville reproduced from prints made by Lee Friedlander, with an introduction by Susan Sontag and interviews edited by John Szarkowski, is published by Jonathan Cape at £50

Your face, his fortune

has died aged 91. Sharing his father's commer cial chutzpah, he went on to develop other best-selling products, making Max Factor one of the top four cosmetic firms in the world. Factor's Polish-born father

was an artist and wig maker for the imperial theatre of Tsar Nicholas II and emigrated to America at the turn of the century. Francis — Max was born in St Louis and in 1908 the family moved to Los Angeles, where Max senior set up shop in the theatre district. With the drive and prescience his son was also to display, he already had his eyes on the most exciting of 20th century developments the movies. He made wigs for Hollywood stars — including horses — and was the sole importer of the world's best the atrical make-up from Leicner of Berlin.

Francis, who changed his name to Max Factor in 1938, worked in the family business from the age of seven. It soon became apparent that he had not only the energy and drive of the born entrepreneur but a strong inventive streak. His father began to create specialist make-up for films as early as 1914, and by 1917 bad moved to bigger premises, where his son watched as his father experimented on makeup for the screen.

Francis was already gain-ing valuable experience and insights into what went on be hind the scenes at the studios. He and a brother worked as extras --- and made sure that the expensive wigs provided by their father were collected and correctly stored at the end of each day's shoot. Yet it was make-up, not wigs, that was at a premium in Hollywood — make-up that would work under the peculiar conditions of a studio. And Max Factor was the firm that pro-

In 1928 the firm received an Academy Award for its Pan-



chromatic make-up. The com-mercial version, Pancake, was developed by father and son in 1935 to overcome an un fortunate effect of Technicolor, which tended to turn film stars' faces brick red, or even blue. A corrective makeup, purely for use under the cam-eras, Pancake was based on a flexible greasepaint. It masked all blemishes and defects and, more importantly, didn't crack with facial move ments or melt under the

When it was discovered that stars were taking the make-up home to wear, father and son decided to exploit its commercial potential. The combination of luminous names — Hedy Lamarr, Lana Turner, Mae West and Jean Harlow — and a reliable, cheap, product was a winner. Pancake, and its twin product, Panstick, soon be-came labelled by the firm's publicity machine as "the make-up of the stars".

Cinema exercised enormous cultural and social influence, especially in the sub-urbs. Its liberating effect on working-class and lower middle-class women was immense. The appearance of actresses such as Gloria Swanson and Joan Crawford brought to even the smallest of towns a taste of glamour. Most of the audiences at this time wore the most rudimen tary make up, if any at all. There was a considerable resistance to painted faces even as late as the 1930s one of the reasons being that

factor... father and son in the firm's lab, helping to produce the make-un to the stars ...and (right) how that

touch of Rita

Hayworth glamour was

sold to the



cheap make-up was crudely coloured, cheaply scented and had little sticking power. But the sight of the stars literally shining down from the acreen soon gave women ideas about improving appearance and enhancing self-esteem.

Ready to supply the need it had helped create, Max Factor produced a wide range of make-up and cosmetics which were cheap, reliable and endorsed by the stars who wore them on and off screen. A ceaseless experimenter.

In the 1960s, Max Factor was a leading chain drugstore Max Factor manufactured brand and the firm is reputed to have been the first to make each product to the most its products available on open stringent of standards and

was also a very sound busi-

ssman. Throughout the

1940s and 1950s, he broadened

the firm's inventive range by

metics, the world's first refill-

color lipstick, which was tested by a publicity-grabbing "Kissing Machine" which ap-

plied the pressure of an ideal kiss, via rubber lips, to check the indelibility of the firm's

able mascara wand and Tru-

introducing waterproof cos-

shelves rather than keeping them behind a special counter. It was a continuation of Factor's helief in accessibility and the demystifying of high glamour which his up-market rivals traded on. The move resulted in a sales in-crease of 600 per cent in the

firm's first year. Although much of its ap-peal was dimmed with the death of glamour cinema in the late 1960s, it always kept itself newsworthy. In 1972, it was the first connetics firm to put an advertising model under exclusive contract, and

the scientist who brought her

She gave two of her great

the vampish Baroness Sanorff

in Marcel L'Herbier's remark-able Art Deco delight, L'Ar-

gent (1928), recently prompted the writer Gilbert Adair to en-

thuse: "This heavenly vision of Helm, with her sharp-nosed

profile and strange columba-ceous neck, the neck of one of ingres's naked, virginally ori-ficeless odalisques, and above

all with those furs, that hat,

Just as shimmeringly garbed. Helm played the title role in *The Wonderful Lie of Nina Petrova* (1929), the

blonde mistress of an army

general, living in luxury, who falls in love with a penniless young lieutenant. This splen-didly sophisticated triangular

love affair, beautifully played

by Helm, and smoothly direc-ted by the little known Hans Schwarz, revealed Helm as an actress with a wider range than is generally recognised.

In 1936, Helm retired from

the screen to marry a wealthy German industrialist, Hugo

von Kuenheim, by whom she had four children, though it

was said that her real reason

for giving up her career was a reluctance to be associated

with Nazi propaganda. After the war, she and her family

moved to Ascona, Switzer-

that gown."

performances in two other

tor No Color mascara was voted product of the year by Fortune magazine.

The firm was sold to Norton Simon Inc in 1973 for \$480 mil-lion and, after changing hands several times, was bought by Proctor and Gam-ble in 1992.

Max Factor Jnr was married for 37 years. He had two sons, one of whom survives him. His wife died in 1970.

Max (Francia) Factor, cosmetica manufacturer, born August 18, 1904; died June 7, 1996

Weekend Birthdays

Katharine Graham, effec-

proprietor, 79 tomorrow, is

Pentagon papers, first proof of US Government lies to the nation, ready to roll. The edi-

tor was tense. Graham was

nervous. The lawyers droned. And then she said what journalists most want to hear: "I say we print." If it sounds like a Ben Hecht line from a 1930s

movie, that's not inappropri-

ate to her style. Her father bought the Post, the "news-

paper the President reads first" in a Depression bank-

ruptcy sale, and she was once

classy young reporter (as if Katharine Hepburn had been cast in His Girl Friday instead

of Rosalind Russell). She mar-ried into domesticity, but took over as publisher after her

husband's suicide in 1963. The quality American press had cosied up to government after the second world war, and be-

came more buttoned-up and

buttoned-down while she was away. And then she walked

framed photographs of herself with presidents. And yet there

was Watergate, when the Post

Nixon: "I was out on my farm

in Virginia and my editor said

. some burglars in surgical

gloves had been caught in Democratic headquarters . . .

was the first newspaper to overthrow a president —

back in. On her desk are 50

sainted in this business Here's why. Her staff had the

Bobby Tulloch

Birdman of Shetland

The Guardian Saturday June 13 18:

OR more than 30 years, the name of Bobby Tul-loch, who has died aged 67, was synonymous with Shetland ornithology and

Born on Yell, he grew up beside the sea and was as much at home in a small boat as on land. He trained as a er and, when national ser vice took him away for almost the first time in his life, he took charge of an Army bak-ery in Hong Kong. But he longed for other things and in 1964, he was in-

vited by the late George Warepresentative of the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, a post he beld until early retirement in 1985. Work with the RSPB open

up a wider world. Tulloch taught himself photography and became an outstanding lecturer, travalling through-out Britain and becoming naour Brhain and becoming ha-tionally well-known. His su-perb slides were accompanied by enthusiasm, personality and irrepressible humour. Tulloch was in the thick of

any RSPB gathering, and was a gifted raconteur, as likely to quote Robert Service's poetry as to tell a Shetland story in which, as often as not, he was guitar, accordion and fiddle and wrote his own songs and poems. Much of what he did involved his islands; he was always in demand to perform at concerts and weddings.

R HAD little time for the "find it, tick it and move on" type of birdwatcher and while he liked seeing the windblown rarities for which Shetland is famous, twitching was never his scene. It was Tulloch who first put the Out Skerries on the birdwatching map, finding these relatively remote islands excellent for

It was there that he saw Britain's second-ever ovenbird in 1973 — the first whole one, he said with evident delight, since the previous record of this north American warbler had been of a wing picked up on the shore in Lanceshire.

Johnny Herbert, racing driver, 32; The Most Rev Tre vor Huddleston, human

rights campaigner, chairman, International Defence and Aid

Fund for Southern Africa, 83, John Redwood MP, former

government minister, 45; Str Ninian Stephen, Australian

ambassador for the environ-

ment, 73; Samere Tansley, children's book illustrator, 52.

Tomorrow's other birthdays:

James Bolam, actor, 58; Lt-Gen Sir Thomas Boyd-Car

penter, deputy Chief of Defence Staff, 58; Grant Fox.

rugby player, 34; Tom Gre-

veney, cricketer, 69; Prof Harold Hanham, vice-chan-

cellor, Lancaster University, 68, The Rt Rev David Kon-

stant, Roman Catholic Bishop

of Leeds, 66; Netl MacGregor

director, National Gallery, 50;

Enoch Powell, former Con-servative MP and minister, 84;

Sir Ralph Robins, chairman, Rolls-Royce, 64; Prof Erich Segal, classical scholar and

screenwriter, 59.



Tulloch . . . gifted reconteur

And it was he who found the snowy owls' nest on Fetlar, which caused a sensation in birding circles in the late

Tulloch was much in demand as a lecturer on National Trust for Scotland cruises to places such as Iceland and Norway and also took holiday ing birdwatchers to Alaska and the Falklands. He became president of the Shetland Bird Club he had helped found and was a member of the Sullom Voe oil terminal advisory group on the oil industry's im-pact on Shetland wildlife.

His superbly illustrated and beautifully written Bobby Tul-loch's Shetland (1988) won him the annual Shetland literary prize. He had already estab-lished himself in print with A Guide To Shetland's Birds (with Fred Hunter, 1970), and later came Migrations: Trav-els Of A Naturalist (1991) and A Guide To Shetland's Breeding Birds (1992); and his photographs were used in Scott and Palmer's The Flowering Plants And Ferns Of The Shetland Islands (1987).

Wherever he went, he made friends. It gave him great plea-sure, too, when they visited him on his home patch. Shet land will never have a better ambassador. The late Jo (Lord) Grimond summed up what everybody felt about Bobby in his introduction to Bobby Tulloch's Shetland. He tells the story of God talking to St Michael about the latter's tour of inspection of the world, and saying to him "... when you are in Shetland do not forget to stop in Mid Yell and pay my regards to Mr Bobby Tulioch. I regard him as one of my success

Bobby Tulioch, amithologiet, 21, 1996

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Brigitte Helm

I he reluctant movie star

OUNG women on the slient screen were broadly categorised as either childlike virins or femmes fatales, but Brigitte Helm, who has died aged 90, embodied both sides to perfection in her most cele brated, and first, film role. In Fritz Lang's Metropolis (1937), she played both the saintly Maria, attempting to lead the downtrodden factory workers of the futuristic city towards justice, and the malign robot, made in her image, who succeeds in stirring up rebellion. There are few more hypnotic sequences in cinema than the transformation of an armourplated automaton into the scantily-clad seductress, who tantalises a mass of men with her orgiastic dance. She would continue to enthral men throughout her 10-year

In contrast to her screen persona, Brigitte Helm, born Gisele Eve Schittenheim in Berlin, the daughter of a Prus sian army officer, was a seri-ous, idealistic and somewhat straitlaced woman, who never expressed much liking for acting, seldom gave interviews, and refused an offer from Hollywood. It was her mother who sent her daughter's photograph to Thea von Harbou, Lang's screenwriter wife, who got the 19-year-old a successful screen test. Although she had performed in school plays, she had never acted professionally before.

The 18-month shoot of Me tropolis was extremely ardu-ous, during which the monocled and autocratic Lang treated Helm with disdain. It took nine days to film the scene in which she is encased in the heavy metal robot shell, her face obscured, and when she asked for an occasional double, Lang replied "I have to feel that you are inside the robot." Although he made her a star and got her a 10-year contract with UFA, Ger-many's largest production company, Helm refused to work with Lang again.

She was happier with the more forbearing and sympathetic G W Pabst, with whom she made three films. In The Love Of Jeanne Ney (1927), he cast her uncharacteristically as a blind, angelic young woman in a secondary role, and as a neurotic and lustful aristocrat in Abwege/Crists



Hypnotic . . . Brigitte Helm in Metropolis, her first and best film role

(1928). Pabst ambiguously fused her dual personalities from Metropolis in L'Atlan-tide (1932), in which as the queen of Atlantis, she has two soldiers under her spell. This campy, exotic fantasy was made simultaneously in German, French and English, all three versions dominated by Helm's statuesque presence. A few years before, Helm

had played another variation on her famous robotic role in Alraune Unholy Love (1928), directed by Henrick Galeen, a contributor to the horror strain of German Expression sm. Helm was suitably disturbing as a woman born by artificial insemination from a hanged man and a prostitute. who acquires a series of lovers, and takes revenge on

land, where she died. 17. 1906; died June 11, 1996

Brigitte Helm (Gisele Eve von Kuenheim), actress, born March

eventually converted them.

When the pagan Roman Em-peror sent her a bridegroom

she rejected him; in punish-

spiked wheel. Hence the "Catherine Wheel" firework.

St Catherine's has remained true to the vision of Moses with

a long tradition of mystical writing. Here at the end of the

ment, she was bound to a

Today's birthdays: Richard

Baker, broadcaster, 71; Simon Callow, actor, 47; sixth century, St John Klima-

God; for example, he talked of anger — what it is and how to deal with it — as well as the importance of cultivating simplicity and the habit of deep listening. It is a work of pro-

kos wrote his Spiritual Ladder a book of prayer and contem-plation. He identified 33 steps on the ladder to the vision of

found human psychology. Icons at St Catherine's illustrate how you can reach the appermost rungs and still fall My visit last year was with a group of people, some of whom were Muslims, some Christians, but most agnostic. They were astounded by the place and it truly gave them seeing eyes and ears that could hear

God. It is still a place of vision

The Rt Rev Richard Chartres is the Bishop of London and a trustee of the St Catherine's Foundation which was launched last night under the patronage of Archbishops of Canterbury and Sinal and Cardinal Hume.

Face to Faith

Where Moses saw the light

Nichard Chartres

TTHE southern tip of the Sinai peninsula in Egypt lies one of the most sacred sites in the world. Here, at the monastery of St Catherine's, the three great monotheistic religions meet in a continuous tradition of more than 1,000 years of mutual tol-erance and respect.

erance and respect.
This is where Moses had the
two great visions of God.
recorded in the Book of Exodus in the Hebrew Scriptures.
He brought down from Mount Sinai the Ten Commandments the ethical foundation on which Judaism, Christianity and Islam are built. And he had the extraordinary mystical vision of the Burning Bush. This experience of the Spirit of God as a fire which burns but does not consume is echoed in the experience of mystics

down the centuries. The Burning Bush still grows in the

By the fourth century AD. the Spanish female saint, Etheria, found Christian hermits living in the area when the church was emerging from the catacombs and becoming a catacomis and technique legal religion of the Roman Empire. So began an un-equalled history of Christian monasticism right down to the present day. I visited the mon-astery last year and took a con-signment of Earl Grey tea for the English monk living in the community. Fr Nilus

Remarkably in view of the current tensions between Islam and Christianity, it has been Muslims who have protected St Catherine's for more than 1,000 years. Seventy-three years after the Roman Emperor built the massive guils which surround the monas-tery in the sixth o printy, the

Sinai and the Bedouin tribes who live there were converted to Islam: the liberty of the monastery, however, was guaranteed by a letter from the Prophet Muhammad himself. St Catherine's is a rare and powerful symbol of a long history of mutual respect between the world's two biggest reli-gions. Islam and Christianity. St Catherine's has survived everything wars, Crusades, the great destruction of icons of the Iconoclasm, religious

division, even the Sinal war. its collection of manuscripts is second only to that of the Vati-can's. It looked after the oldest Bible in the world, the Codex Sinarticus, until the 19th century when it was inveigled from the monks' care by a German Biblical scholar, finally ending up in the British Museum. The Prince of Wales was desply impressed by the collec-tion on his visit in 1995 and on

his initiative the Saint Catherine Foundation has been set up to fund conservation work on the thousands of manuscripts from both the Eastern and Western traditions; St Catherine's was not a party to the schism of 1054 which divided the Eastern Orthodox churches and the West and continued to attract monks from both sides, a rare symbol of Christian unity. Today, the monks are predominantly Greek Orthodox.

But this monastery is more than a museum of rare antiquities. It is a place of mystical vision where men have dedicated themselves to a vision of God. The relics of St Catherine of Alexandria herself are en-tombed in the church. You nay think that a virgin marty: has little relevance to the 20th century, but her life is one of great defiance of the social mores of her time. Women were controlled in the Ancient World by depriving them of education and early marriage: the highly-educated St Catherine became a Christian and refused to marry. She defeated the arguments of philosophers sent to break her faith and

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Getting in the right gear to for package trips head out on the highway Fruit stall pricing for package trips leaves sour taster.

As new laws to restrict the size of motorbikes novices can ride are introduced, CLIFF JONES gives a guide to getting out on the road

EW legislation ema nating from Brus-sels is going to make it harder for motorcycle learners to get on their bikes. From January 1997, new laws on road tests mean it will be more expensive to head out on the highway, and younger riders will have to look for adventure or

smaller machines All tests since 1990 have consisted of two parts, starting with compulsory basic training (CBT). This allows learners to ride any bike with an engine no larger than 125cc They must then pass the Driv-ing Standards Agency test, after which they can buy the biggest and fastest blke they can afford.

However, from January 1997 new European laws will limit riders who are younger than 21 to 125cc machines for two years. Older riders who pass their CBT will have to take their DSA test on a machine of at least 47 horsepower if they want to ride more powerful bikes.

The catch for older riders is that they cannot ride the more powerful bikes to the test centre and will have to rent a motorcycle from the riding school until they pass their test. If they pass their second test on a less powerful bike, they will be limited to the smaller bike for two years.

According to Richard Beardwell, an instructor at the Romford branch of CSM Rider Training, the UK's largest net-work of biking schools, people are rushing to beat the new legislation. He said: "We are busier now than we have been in a while. We get lawyers and bankers and older riders in

Tele-finance

In a separate supplement. Money Guardian today takes an extensive look at finance-over-the-phone. Don't miss our eight-page

ride small bikes but would feel more comfortable passing

their test on one.' New bikes can be expensive, but they are cheaper and more economical to run than cars. An average 500cc machine will manage 50 miles per gallon, compared to 36.7 mpg for the cheapest Vauxhall Corsa 1.2i

Road tax for a car costs £140 a year compared to £55 for a motorcycle above 250cc. Tax on smaller bikes is £35 a year. An intensive course at CSM Rider Training costs £455, including test fee and bike rental. BSM driving schools charge £561.98 for a full course Insurance can be expensive

for young riders. Norwich Union, which insures twothirds of all bikes in the UK, quotes £384.37 for third-party cover only for a 24-year-old man riding a medium-powered bike in London, A more experienced rider, such as a 30-year-old man or woman living in Cardiff with three years' no claims, could insure the same bike for £371.81 on a fully comprehensive policy. Third party, fire and theft would cost £202.17 and both

policies carry a £150 excess Many would-be bikers are put off by the cost of the cloth-ing and safety equipment. As is expensive, but commuters and weekend riders do not need to spend large amounts of money to be safe and

comfortable. The law requires all riders to wear a helmet, which must be constructed to British Standard and bear the kitemark. These cost anything from £60 to £500, but sales assistants are usually honest and will not tend to persuade new bikers to buy the most expensive. Beginners can buy a medium range safety type-A helmet for £140 which is both warm and comfortable. Customers should also remember that the toughest helmet will be useess if it does not fit properly or the chin strap is loose.

Jackets start at £129 and go up to ridiculous prices, be-yond £500. Unless you are en-tering the Isle of Man TT race or a fashion contest, you will not need to pay more than £300. A man's leather blouson is better than nothing but is not very protective. A reason-able jacket, with good padding around the arms and protection in the back, will cost under £200. Many riders favour denim jeans rather than pay from £100 for leather trousers.

Jo Kilby, Clothing Manager for the Finsbury Park branch of Motorcycle City, believes this is false economy. She says: "People kit themselves out in the right gear but forget their legs. This is reflected in the fact that 70 per cent of injuries are below the waist. With a rough road surface, denim will shred to pieces." Gloves cost an average £30 and boots

The British weather might put some off, but not people like CSM's Richard Beardwell. What's the the best thing about biking? "Freedom," he says triumphantly, "I can go where I want, when I want. As long as I wear the right gear on a good bike, I will be warm, safe and free."



for package trips leaves sour taste

given clear information

about the price of anything

they are going to buy. If a holiday firm is prepared to sell a package for £200, then that should be the price in

the brochure — not £300. "Customers also need to

get information from a travel agent about a holi-

be confident that when they

day, the price will be the same when they come in the

following week to book it." The Association of Brit-

ish Travel Agents (Abta) is

also concerned about the scheme, because it believes

brochure. An Abta spokesman said:

"If anyone is charged a higher price than is stated in the brochure, then that is

"However, we have no problem with the concept of

fluid pricing in itself. If you

or less than you did last Sat-urday, depending on the supply and demand — and

next week the price will be

different again. No one has any problems with that —

Mr Street stressed that his institute would take

action against any company breaching the law by charg-ing a higher price than that

in the brochure, but he pre

dicted that eventually cus-tomers would become disen-

so why with holidays?"

go out to buy apples today, you may have to pay more

there have been instances of companies charging a

higher price than in the

clearly against the law.

Teresa Hunter

RAVEL companies came under fire yester day for operating a "fluid" pricing system, which could mean that every holidaymaker on a package paid a different

price for the trip.
Thomson Holidays intro-duced "fluid" pricing late last year in an attempt to boost early bookings for this season. Other companies followed, leading in some cases to illegal mas-

saging of holiday prices. Fluid pricing means that customers will not necessarily pay the price they see in the brochure for their chosen holiday. The price will be fixed according to the supply and demand for your favoured package on

the day you book. Thomson is clear that no holidaymaker will pay a higher price than that stated in its range of brochures operating fluid pric-ing, which include Horizon Breakers, Summer Sun and Sky Tours.

THOMSON spokesman explained: "The bro-chure price shows the highest price you will pay. But we wanted to give discounts to people who booked early, and this is a way of cutting their holiday price by up to £100.

"If they book well ahead of their departure on a day when demand for their boliday is low, then they will receive a full discount. But the discount will change each day depending on de-mand and availability." The Institute of Trading

Standards has attacked the scheme as confusing, and predicted that even where i is operating within the law customers will eventually become disgruntled. The institute's chief exec-

utive, Alan Street, ex-

olained: "We believe cus-

chanted with the system. A flood of "free" holiday offers from the Florida Travel Network, and other cheap US travel deals, led Abta to join the Advertising Standards Authority yester-

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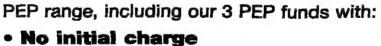
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Gas turns heat on regulator



Firm stand . . . chief executive Phillip Rogerson rejects Ofgas recommendations. We can't run this business with a workforce of 10,000.' PHOTOGRAPH TOM JENGES

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MMC inquiry

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day accused its reg-ulator of demanding cuts of up to 50 per cent in spend-ing on safety as the bitter war of words between the two sides over new price curbs looked to be heading for a showdown at the Monopolies and Mergers Commission.

The privatised company formally rejected proposals for new controls on its TransCo pipelines business and directors made it clear that they wanted to see the

price curbs substantially vatered down to avoid an

MMC enquiry.
Ofgas has argued that its call for charges to be cut by between 20 and 28 per cent next year could reduce bills by up to £30 a year and has warned that the MMC could be even tougher on Transco. British Gas rejected the

recommendations when they were first published a month ago, warning they would jeop-ardise safety and could cost up to 10,000 jobs.

Yesterday it produced a doc ument to support its case that the controls were "unprecendently harsh". Directors said that Ofgas

had not disclosed vital research by outside consultants, including accountants

Coopers & Lybrand, used to back the regulator's demands. But it said it had been provided with forecasts from Clare Spottiswoode, the direc tor general of gas supply, of how operating costs could be cut including reductions in safety spending.

Chief executive Phillip Rogerson said that Ofgas was recommending almost halvng the £140 million a year eing spent on the emergency service operation, which employs 3,800. "Ofgas are looking for some significant reduc-

He insisted that the row did. not have to be settled in an MMC inquiry in what would be the third major monopolies investigation in to the company since its privatisation in

But, Mr Rogerson added: "I accept we have a very strong case and we are prepared to take it to the MMC if that is where we have to go."

He argued that the propos-als contained serious errors. nconsistencies and ommis sions and were based on a false assumption that shareholders had fared better than custom ers since privatisation. Mr Rogerson insisted that the cuts would reduce Trans-

co's profits by at least £500 million before the end of the price control period in 2002. Despite widespread criti-cism, British Gas refused to recant on its claims that it

would have to cut its 30,000 workforce in half to meet the igours of the new controls and face disastrous consequences. "We can't run this business with a workforce of 10,000," he said.

Ofgas later refused to comment on the claims, but confirmed that it was refusing to disclose some of its independent advice. Ms Spottiswoode has made it clear that all relevant documents would be made available to the MMC

should the battle end up being settled there. The regulator will respond formally to British Gas in

ward final recommendations The matter could be referred to MMC a month later if the two sides fail to agree. The company's other watch

dog, the Gas Consumers Council, urged both sides to reach a negotiated settlement, but conceded hopes of a deal looked unlikely.

GCC director Ian Powe said: We see little chance that the new arguments will persuade the regulator to reconsider. Sadly, MMC arbitration looks

Saturday Notebook

Sumitomo: a very modern scandal



Alex Brummer

LTHOUGH the origins of the enormous near \$2.5 billion trading loss at Sumitomo Corporation date back a decade, it is very much tradition of those at Barings and Daiwa. The abuses of the extravagant 1980s, such as Guinness and Blue Arrow, were largely the product of frothy equity markets and generally represented at-tempts to secure success in takeovers or share offerings by hidden share support

operations.
Those of the current decade. from Barings to Sumitomo, stem from the globalisation of financial markets and the spread of over-the-counter derivatives transactions which are not notoriously difficult to

Globalised financial and commodity markets have brought enormous benefits for end-users — be they an electronics group buying cop-per for its circuit boards, or a bank hedging its foreign exchange operations. The mar-kets have become more efficient, the cost of using them has generally fallen and if in ternal controls and regulation are good enough, risk levels should ratchet down. In addition, markets like

the London Metal Exchange, arguably the biggest market for copper and tin in the world, have been important job creators and — on paper at least — huge earners for the City of London. However, in the light of the Sumitomo Corporation affair, senior City regulators — disturbed by the abnormal trading practices found on the LME — are beginning to question whether makes to the City's earnings justifies the colossal regula-tory effort involved in policing

There are a number of concerns about the LME: the most significant of which appears be the increasing use in recent years of over-the-counter contracts. Such personalised dealings, conducted off the floor of | strained media coverage -- as subject to minimum disclosure requirements and ex-

THE way in which the Sumitomo Corporation has presented its phenomenal losses in the copper market is in the tradition of Bar ings and Daiwa, where the deficit has eventually been put down to desperate activi-ties of a lone trader which is

always easier for the authorities to deal with. This time, however, matters look rather more complicated. In the first instance, the unauthorised dealings have taken place over a much longer period in a marketplace which is relatively unregulated and more volatile. Second, they were discovered not as a result of internal audits or

mechanisms in the institution concerned — as eventually was the case when Barings ran out of funds — but through slow, methodical and legally circumscribed monitoring by the main authority in London the Securities & Futures Au-thority, currently headed by a senior City of London figure Nick Durlacher, of Barclays de Zoete Wedd.

As part of its normal regulation over two to three years, the SFA has been monitoring the affairs of the Winchester Group, one of the most influ-ential and profitable players on the LME. It was through this monitoring process that the SFA was first alerted to potential problems concern-ing trades by the Sumitomo Corporation. The jurisdiction of the SFA being confined to dealers and firms on the Lon-don exchanges, it contacted the Securities & Investment Board London's regulator of

regulators.
The board, in turn, has been working with the authorities in the United States, the Commodities Futures Trading Commission in Japan and in Guernsey where some off-shore commodity outfits have been based. This sharing of information became more intense in recent months as the possibility of unauthorised

trading by Sumitomo Corporation became plain.

By comparison with the UK's handling of some earlier financial problems, from BCCI to Barings, this appears to have been a fairly effective operation. However, there have been some flaws and weaknesses. As the Guardian reports today, the LME was first tipped off as to the alleged Yasuo Hamanaka in November 1991 when a senior member of the exchange wrote to the then chief executive David King to report a serious poten-

CCORDING to the LME. this information was. passed to the appropriate authorities, although as far as can be determined the intense investigations into Sumitomo were not fully under way until two or three months ago. This suggests that the LME's monitoring systems was not sharp enough, and that the UK regulators acted with the speed which might have enabled the eventual losses — now the largest among the recent globalised scandals — to have been

capped. Among the problems which the lead UK regulators in this case, the SFA, is understood to have encountered have been legal. The practitioner-led, self-regulatory system in the City makes it possible for entilegal obstacles in the way of regulators. Similarly, conras seen in the Maxwell ca can slow the process of dis-

closure and inquiry. Clearly, natural justice requires that the targets of in-puiry have available to them full due process. However, in the London self-regulatory system those who are targets of investigation appear to hold many of the cards. In the US system, the more formal-ised powers of the SEC and CFTC and US bank regulators give them greater reach when an inquiry is under way.

An encouraging aspect of the Sumitomo affair is that unlike Barings, when the UK and Singapore found themselves at loggerheads, the system of global co-operation appears eventually to have worked in

this case, although there are still many loose ends. However, with each scandal in the world of globalised trading, the losses appear to become larger and the risk of systemic problems — quite high in the case of a single commodity like copper — be-come greater. The trade-off beween free, open and globalised markets and more intrusive regulation is start-ing to swing back to those who would impose stricter

Somerfield to debut with £500m price tag

Pauline Springett

market group previ-ously known as Gate-way, is to float on the Stock Exchange next month with a price tag of about £500 million. Chief executive David

Simons, his five fellow directors plus an unspecified num-ber of other managerial staff, are expected to share a bonus in excess of £5 million on the flotation. The exact sum will depend on how much the flots tion raises, although it is understood that Mr Simons himself could be in line to receive more than £2 million.

Details of the allocation formula are expected in the pro-spectus, which will be issued in the middle of next month. A Somerfield spokeswoman said that Mr Simons was planning to plough back "a subness after flotation. Somerfield is currently

laden Isosceles group. The whole of Somerfield will be floated, with 80 per cent of-fered to institutions and the rest to retail investors. Somerfield, which is ring fenced from Isosceles, has

lebts of around £400 million It is expected that all of this, which is owed to about 30 which is owed to about 30 banks, will be repaid by the flotation proceeds. The balance will go towards repaying some of Isosceles' £800 million

est supermarket chain in the UK, with 600 stores nation-wide. It is expected to report a 30 per cent rise in operating profits to £85 million for the

The Isosceles saga was a typical cautionary tale from

stantial sum" into the busi-

lebt. Somerfield is the fifth larg-

year to April.

the 1980s. Isosceles bought Gateway in 1989 for £2.1 billion in the UK's largest ever lever-aged buy-out deal. But the ac-quisition only went ahead ifter a hostile takeover battle

which pushed the price up. Despite a quick sale of some of the Gateway stores to Asda for £600 million, it was immediately apparent that Isosceles had taken on too much debt and two refinancings swiftly

followed. Then, in 1993, Mr Simons, the former finance director of Storehouse, took on the task f turning around Somerfield. A fresh refinancing was soon in place and Mr Simons indicated that a 1998 flotation of Somerfield was likely.

Recently, it had become clear that the timetable had been sharply accelerated, pos-sibly because of a reluctance to leave the flotation until after the general election.

Private Finance Initiative loses chief but gains ally

Sarah Ryle

THE Government's Priyesterday lost its chief official but stands to gain from a £125 million fund being set aside by Canadian investment bank CIBC as a result of the

Douglas Hogg, now joint head of the Treasury's Private Finance Unit, has nursed the initiative through its most dif ficult days since 1967 when he oined the embryonic Private Finance Panel on loan from

He has accumulated de-tailed knowledge of the PFI as the panel's longest-serving nember. This will be relevant to his new job at CIBC Wood Gundy, umbrella for the bank's international invest-ment banking, capital mar-kets and credit services.

As managing director of ture, Mr Hogg will oversee a new equity fund of up to £125 million to be invested in PFI and infrastructure proiects in the UK and internationally. It is believed to be the biggest sum set aside by a fi-nancial institution in this

The move by CIBC marks a departure in the involvement of leading financial institutions in the PFI. The initiative, established by the Goveroment as central in its drive to reduce public expenditure and transfer risk to the private sector for projects rang-ing from the high-speed rail link to hospitals, has been

dogged by criticism since its inception. It failed to live up to private sector expectations of extra money for capital projects and was perceived to be overloaded with red tape. Private sector concerns proved to be one of the unexpected hurdles that the PFI had to overcome,

He believed his move would benefit the PFI: "Everyone is delighted that I'm staying in PFI and will help now from the other side of the fence." Mr Hogg, who was involved

in assembling Eurotunnel's debt and equity funding in 1987, was seconded to the Private Finance Panel for only 18 months. He was appointed head of the Treasury unit in September last year. Peter Monmouth, who became joint head in January this year, will assume full responsibility for the unit from this month.

The panel advertised for a chief executive this week and although Mr Hogg leaves Eur otunnel this month, the panel will employ him until his replacement is appointed.

SmithKline hints at health service pact

dent of SKB's Diversified Health Systems unit, told an industry conference in Paris on Thursday that a deal would be announced in the next three to four days. But he refused to give any details or say which service provider is to link up with the pharmaceuticals group

Such deals are common in the United States, where drugs companies are contracted to provide treatwith particular illnesses and agreements are made to give preference to a particu ar company's products. But there is no such agree-

precedent would provoke a political storm. At the end of last month, health ministers were criticised by Labour and the unions about a consultation document which was seen as paving the way for local health authorities to strike eccords with drugs firms.

Mr Brugal said the accord would not be with the National Health Service but "eventually" that might UK's biggest firm of financial adviser calls on the SIB to make payments to aggrieved investors who had been promised compensation under a special complaints procedure

set up by the watchdog. Prof Mason said: "It seems to me that the SIB has an important role to play. I believe that it — and not individual claimants — should bring cases in the courts, by taking assignments and making pay ments to complainants in the amount it assesse

"Some complainants will otherwise have great diffi-culty in establishing their claim, as their cases have been considered by arbitrators and

tion to join AIM yesterday as it launched a £166,666 offer for shares to be traded on Ofex, a

small firms' marketmaker, JP Jenkins. The offer places a

value of £1.67 million on the

private market run by the

Power deregulation 'could leave poor with higher bills' cut electricity use. It believes that companies coming in to

Simon Beavis Industrial Editor

SOME three million low-in-come electricity customers could face higher bills when the power market is opened to full competition, unless the Government and the regulator take prompt action to protect them, Yorkshire Electricity has warned has warned.

With all 22 million of the country's electricity consum-ers to be given the right to shop around for their power from 1998, Yorkshire has raised its concerns with min-isters, Labour front-benchers and Stephen Littlechild, the

The company — one of three regional electricity companies not to have received takeover approaches or to have changed hands — fears that poorer households could face bieser hills and he forced to bigger bills and be forced to

of serving poorer customers, and Yorkshire wants rules forcing competitors to share that cost. The company estimates that serving low-income house-holds costs up to 12 times

more than supplying direct-debit customers. Tony Coleman, Yorkshire finance director, said that energy minister Tim Eggar had

challenge the regional monop

This would leave local com-panies to meet the higher costs

olies will try to cherry pick well-off households.

expressed sympathy for the issue, but added: "What one doesn't know is if there is any enthusiasm for doing any-thing about it."

He was speaking as York-shire announced that its pretax profits edged up last year by just over £2 million to £219.3 million.

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Among the gongs . . . (left to right) Brian Moffat, Richard Evans and Clive Thompson

Investitures in industry

Dan Atkinson

-XECUTIVES of compa -- nies that have contrib-uted thousands of pounds to Conservative Party funds were among yesterday's win-ners in the Birthday Honours List.

Nigel Rudd, chairman of the Williams Holdings combine that paid £25,000 in both 1994 and 1995, is knighted, and Tre-vor Bonner, of GKN, which, made identical donations, becomes a CBE.

There was a CBE also for Scottish & Newcastle chief executive Brian Stewart; the brewer gave the Tortes £50,000 in both 1994 and 1995. And Clifford King of Trafalgar

House, which gave £10,000 in 1994, was made an OBE. Elsewhere, there were knighthoods for: Zeneca chief executive James Barnes for executive James Bar ness for services to the pharmaceuti-cals industry, Leonard Chal-strey, Lord Mayor of London, for services to the City of Lon-

don; Morgan Grenfell chair-man John Craven for services to banking and the City. Richard Evans, chief execu-tive of British Aerospace, for services to the aerospace and defence industries; British Steel executive chairman Brian Moffat, for services to the steel industry, and Rentokil chief Clive Thompson were

also knighted. There was a Companion of the Order of the Bath for Wil-

liam Willott chief executive of the Export Credits Guaran-tee Department, and a Commander of the Royal Victorian Order for former Argyll supermarkets chief James Gulliver, a key figure in the 1985/86 bid battle for Distill-

ers, for his work for the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme. Sheila Masters, partner at KPMG, was made a DBE, and there were CBEs for Union Railways chief John Armitt, Mott McDonald chairman Robert Beresford, entertainment mogul Harvey Gold-smith, Tesco chief Alfred Malpas, ICI director Robert Margetts, and Brian Quinn. the ex-Bank of England direc-

banking supervision.

Sarah Whitebloom

MITHKLINE Beecham Dis believed poised to sign the first accord between a pharmaceuticals group and a British health services

Fred Brugal, vice-presi-

ment in Britain and any

Guidance banning such deals expires this month.

The private health fund Buna denied yesterday that

Knight Williams report calls on SIB to champion losers

HE Securities and Invest-ments Board should take responsibility for ensuring clients of collapsed indepenient financial adviser Knight Williams are compensated, a report said yesterday.
The conclusions of an in-

quiry conducted by Professor Sir Ronald Mason at the company's request were delivered More than 400 investors

have outstanding complaints against the firm, which chan-nelled clients' funds into its unit trust subsidiary.
The inquiry into the collapse of what was once the

Middle England beach boys hope to ride AlM's new wave _IRST, there was the pet

retailer. Then, there was the dentist. Now, a surf shop wants to float on the Alternative Investment Market.
Legends Surf Shop pic currently has outlets at Birmingham, Cheltenham, Oxford and Learnington Spa — all about as far from the surf as it is possible to get in England, But it does not matter. The

directed at people who are at-tracted by the connection with surfing, snowboarding and other "extreme sports". Actual participation — and surf - is not required.
Legends disclosed its ambi-

business, which was incorpo-rated in 1995 and turned in pre-tax profits of £104,163 at the end of last January. Most of the profit was de-rived from the Oxford-base shop — the only one which traded throughout the 10 months to which the profits shops' fashion merchandise is

The three directors, Sean O'Neill, the non-executive chairman, and Adrian and Christian Stewart plan to open a further four shops by the

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ALMOST 150 British shareholders in Eurotunnel have responded to the appeal — carried on last week's European Business page — from Paris-based professional investors' representative Sophie L'Helias, for support in her campaign to give small investors more say in the company's negotiations over the restructuring of its huge

debt burden. British shareholders with a total of 111,552 shares have given their proxies to Ms L'Helias' company, Franklin Global Investor Services. allowing her to vote on their behalf at the company's annual meeting, later this

Ms L'Helias, who was brought in to run the proxy campaign by the two French-based associations of Eurotunnel shareholders, hopes to be able to collect sufficient support to ensure that small shareholders views are not overlooked.

Ms L'Helias said yesterday that she was delighted by the response from British

Please ask your readers to keep those proxies flowing

Any other shareholder to appoint Franklin Global Investor Services as their proxy at the annual meeting can still so by filling in the appropriate Eurotunnel SA and Eurotunnel PLC forms and sending them either to Ms L'Helias direct, at Franklin Global Investor Services, 1 rue du Faubourg St Honoré, 75006 Paris, or care of the European Business section, the Guardian, 119 Farringdon Road, London EC1R 3ER

Gdansk shipyard to file for bankruptcy ● Solidarity calls for nationwide strikes





ainst Communist regime; summer 1996, a priest takes confession from a Gdansk worker,

Polish symbol of resistance crushed by market forces

Artur Morka in Warsaw

NTHE early 1980s, amid a blaze of publicity, work-ers at the Gdansk ship-yard and their Solidarity trade union successfully defied the full might of the country's Communist

Fifteen years on they have fallen victim to marke forces. Last week, Poland's rivatisation minister. Wieslaw Kaczmarek, an-

nounced that the shipyard would file for bankruptcy. Not surprisingly, the decision was greeted with bit-terness in Gdansk. "The de-cision to close the shipyard s a political act and a continuation of repressive policies against its workers, said Jerzy Borowczak, Soli-darity leader at the yard. On Wednesday, the ship-

yard's Solidarity workers called for a two-day sit-

union is asking workers to help the shipyard by joining nationwide strikes and demonstrations on June 21 to support their cause. It wants a restructuring plan to keep the yard open and a retraining programme for those made redundant.

Marian Krzaklewski, Solidarity national chairman, demanded Mr Kaczmarek's dismissal while, on the same day, about 60 mem-bers of parliament called for a vote of no confidence.

The government is ada-mant that the yard must close, however. On Thursday, the shipyard president Ryszard Goluch, filed papers to establish a new company, New Gdansk Shipyard (Nowa Stocznia Gdanska), with government backing, in order to complete four ships already

under construction. Mr Goluch expects that a new shipyard would employ

Mr Kaczmarek is blunt. Taking on the yard's existing contracts without renegotiating them would sim-ply be a recipe for further losses. The yard's present debt burden is about £110 million, but that could double if contracts were completed on their present

"In this case, the shipyard property will be worth less than garbage," he said. Lech Walesa, the former Polish president and Gdansk shipyard electri cian, acknowledged the economic case for bankruptcy but said the shipyard should have done more to restructure in recent years. He is now seeking investors to lead a rescue operation at the yard.

Three foreign companies have expressed interest but no firm bids have yet been

Credit Suisse takes an option on the world

Economics Correspondent

REDIT Suisse and US-based subsidiary CS First Boston are putting the finishing touches to a merger of their German operations, seen by senior executives as a trial run for

worldwide integration. In the wake of an outright rejection by competitor United Bank of Switzerland to a merger offer from Credit Suisse, the bank has pushed ahead with plans to absorb the Frankfurt office of its investment banking arm, CS First Boston, into the Swiss.

company. In order to meet German legal and tax requirements. the offices must be combined by August 31 at the latest, according to Credit Suisse

If the merger goes smoothly, top brass in parent Credit Suisse Holding will order similar rationalisations in London, New York and other key financial mar-kets, with implications for the 9,500 employees of the two companies who work outside the Swiss domestic retail market.

One senior source said this reek: "Frankfurt is a test case for wider moves to end. the divide between the companies. In the long run, it might even mean more jobs if we can make ourselves more efficient and get more market.

share. Staff in Frankfurt are fearful that some of the combined workforce of 450 — a third of whom work for First Boston will be laid off, but Credit

confirm plans for labour

shedding. Paul Hofer, head of Credit Suisse Northern Europe. said: "Our plans are at a very delicate stage right now, as we work out the structure of the new body. I don't want to discuss job losses at this

Mr Hofer - who will lead the project to bring the two firms together from July 1 — is expected to head the merged company, Credit Suisse (Germany), once formal approval from the finan-cial authorities is given. He said the combination would make CS Holding mon

competitive in Germany, with Credit Suisse owning two-thirds of the new com-pany, leaving CS First Boston with a one-third stake. "It is definitely going

| Suisse refused yesterday to | ahead, and on time," he said. | established in 1989 — which 'Any implications for our c erations elsewhere will be made at a higher level."

Board members in Zurich are watching closely to see whether Mr Hofer succeeds in bringing together the ag-gressive, American, mergers-and-acquisition culture of CS First Boston — which evolved out of a joint venture in 1988 — and the more cau-tious lending approach of

Credit Suisse. A wholesale merger has been on the cards since last year, after CS Holding was forced to pump more capital into First Boston and order an internal reorganisation, in an attempt to boost its lowly position on the US profit table

And senior executives are re-evaluating the holding structure of the company ---

cuts row

Julie Wolf in Brussels

BRHIND the scenes battle over cutting pollu tion from vehicles in Europe will burst into the open next week when the European Commission proposes new emissions and fuel standards.

After months of wrangling the commission is due to adopt a package of legislation on motor pollution at its weekly meeting in Strasbourg on Tuesday, providing that the mad cow crisis does not force another delay. While officials were still ironing out the final details yesterday, the car and oil industries, as well as environmental groups and EU governments, were gearing up for

a big fight. In the case of the car indusry, this took the form of an musually blunt press release expressing car-makers' con-cern that the oil industry is being let off too lightly in the

proposed legislation.
"The members of Acea [the European Automobile Manufacturers' Association] unani mously reckon that the new rules on air quality in the yes 2000 must divide the effort fairly between the oil industr and the automobile industry the statement said.

The car makers were larmed by indications that the commission will not pro-pose a steep reduction in the sulphur content of petrol and diesel fuel. Cutting sulphur in fuels would help to meet the commission's targets for reduced emissions of nitrogen oxides — a main pollutant in European cities, according to environmentalists and motor

industry analysts. The plans are simed at ensuring the EU meets air pollution targets in 2010. They have been delayed by 18 months to allow for the completion of the EC's vehicle oil research programme. But critics say some of the oil findings have been

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EC gears Passions fizz up for in soap opera pollutant of wine families

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threatens cava SMOULDERING battle between the two top pro-ducers of cava — Catalonia's challenger to champagne turned into open warfare

after the Codorniu winery

contravening production regulations. Codorniu will claim in court that Freixenet has been shortcutting the cava ageing process. Freixenet argues ack that Codorniu makes its wines with the wrong type of

accused its rival. Freixenet, of

grape. Underlying the dispute is a feud between the Raventos family which own Codorniu, pottler in 1872 of the first cava — then allowed to go by the name of champagns — and the ferrer family of Freixenet, ust 50 years old, who they con

sider pushy parvenus. For the past year Codorniu and Freixenet have been indulging in Falcon Crest-style warfare. The series based in a California wine-growing area is very popular in Spain. Although there are 269 reg-

stered cava producers, centred in the Penedes region about 50km south of Barcelona, the two houses account for almost 70 per cent of the market which has been making sharp inroads into champagne consumption. In 1989, world exports of champagne stood at 94 million bottles compared to 48 million of cava. By 1995 that difference had narrowed to just 28 million bottles — 86 million of champagne and 60 million of cava. Nevertheless, profits on French champagne outclass hose on cava six times over Experts fear the feud could

damage the cava industry. which earned 57 billion pese tas (£287 million)last year on sales of 142 million bottles and represents 12 per cent of Cataonia's gross domestic

The dispute has created two | champagne.

ADELA GOOCH on a Catalan feud that catalan feud that number one position," said one producer. Others back Co. dorniu's claim that Freizenet's aggressive techniques, aimed at making it number

ons, go too far. Although Codorniu remains ahead, with 36.6 per cent of market share last year, Freixenet is catching up fast. It has a higher profile centred on Christmas advertising campaigns which each year feature stars like Sharon Stone and Richard Gere. Spaniards look forward to finding out who will take part zines like Hola! provide coverage, and publicity for Freix-

enet, from Septemb The Conseio Regulador del Cava, cava's regulatory body, has been trying to smoothe feelings between the two houses. Spain's agriculture minister, Loyola de Palacios, recently intervened to no

Cava council regulations say the wine should ferment for a minimum of nine months after bottling before being sold to consumers and that only grapes native to the Penedes should be used.

Codorniu claims Freixenet leaves its wines in the cellars for as little as six months, thus cutting costs. Freixenet says Codorniu waters its vines unlawfully and uses Pinot Noir, the champagne grape, rather than the native Xarello, Maca-beu and Paradella varieties.

The dispute could lead to changes in the regulations. Ac cording to Freixenet's president, Josep Ferrer, Codorniu's decision to go to court is a ploy to make the administration resolve in its favour. "These hattles should not be fought using the law and media but in the appropriate regulatory bodies," he told a gathering of businessmen this week. Many in Penedes are hoping

for a swift end to the cava war Otherwise, they fear, the beneficiary will be the oldest enemy of all — French

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tro, but Spanish hotel groups are facing down the US State Department over their investments in Cuba's booming tourist industry.

Firms such as Sol Melia and Tryp have led the charge to cash in on Cuba's pristine beaches and cut-price labour force, with stakes worth over 10 billion pesetas (£50 million) in hotels in Havana, Varadero and Cohiba. The investment has proved spectacularly profitable but has made the Spanish prime targets of new US legislation which threatens to punish foreign companies for "trafficking" with property expropriated after the 1959

revolution. The Helms Burton Law, drawn up by Republican hawks Jesse Helms and Dan Burton and backed by the anti-Castro lobby, Cuban American Foundation (CAF), gives US citizens the right to file suit to reclaim property they owned under the Batista dictatorship.

Any assets that the guilty investor in Cuba holds in the US could also be embargoed: The CAF included 37 Spanish firms in the black list of 301 presented to the State Department last month.

Up to now, only Occidental Hoteles has cracked under the essure, announcing on Wednesday that it had pulled out of a joint venture with the Cuban property developer Gaviota — owned by the Cuban army — to manage four hotels in Varadero. Sol Melia, the Majorca-based group, took a different tack and said it would wind up its US activities rather than leave Cuba.

With Spanish business defiant, the six-week-old conservative Partido Popular government is in a mess over Cuba. Keen to mark out differences with the previous Socialist gov ernment, the PP has announced that all but humanitarian aid will be stopped. But, of course, the PP is,

first and foremost, a "pro-busi ness party", and tourism is big business in Spain. Foreign minister Abel Matutes' dilemma sums it up. A millionaire from tourist haven Ibiza, with money invested through out the Balearic Isles, Mr Matutes is a close friend of the Majorcan Escarrer family that owns Sol Melia.

Mr Matutes' own hotel group, Doligo, has begun to invest heavily in Cuba's Caribbean neighbour, Santo Domingo. Two weeks ago, the foreign minister surprised his own MPs the day after they voted down a Socialist motion condemning the Helms Burton Law, by declaring it "absolutely unacceptable".

Spanish hoteliers | Bank unreserved on EMU

OVERS of irony were

given a treat this week.

Ian Pienderleith, one of the Bank of England's executive directors, delivered an analysis of the impact of Euro pean economic and monetary union on the financial markets. The UK is one of two countries with an opt-out from EMU. Mr Plenderleith chose to deliver his speech in Nor-way — which is not even part of the European Union.

But there was a whiff of gunsmoke in the air. Despite protestations that he was not setting out to rival Mystic Meg in the clairvoyance stakes, Mr Plenderleith had his own deas about the market infrastructure and policy tools available to the European System of Central Banks. Though there would be a

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range of money market in-struments as at present, said Mr Plenderleith, "clearly at the core there will be one offi cial, policy-determined, shortterm interest rate common to all participating central banks — only one price, if you like, for central bank money Money market operators

should be able to arbitrage in order to ensure the same interest rates on assets with the same credit risk and the same gued. The ESCB should steer interest rates through open market operations, though this could be backed up with a series of standing facilities. More controversially, Mr Plenderleith insisted that the new central bank system should not be given tools that it did not need "and which may prevent or hinder the open market working effi-

He said: "This test is partic-

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ularly relevant to the debate over positive minimum reserve requirements. Reserve requirements are not essential for the operation of monetary policy. Other tools are available which both fulfil the same function and avoid the distorting effects of posi-tive and less than fully remunerated reserve require-

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First Boston and Zurich over

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Integration would also

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ments.' Reserve requirements - as sets commercial banks have to deposit with the central bank -are a source of income to central banks which use the system but Mr Plenderleith argued that, in effect, they would represent a tax on the banking system.

That view may not go down well in Frankfurt. Despite pressure from German commercial banks, the Bundesbank remains attached to the concept of minimum reserve requirements. It is unlikely to want to see them scrapped.

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office in May. They include: Reducing inheritance tax and simplifying capital gains tax;

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Plunder! A tale of oil and greed

The first barrel came ashore from the North Sea 21 years ago — and the politicians swooped. In the first of a series. **RICHARD THOMAS tells a** sorry story of wasted billions and wasted lives

ing court in the small drilling hut perched on the Scott oil platform 100 miles north-east of Aberdeen, Z bares his roughneck soul.

"My kids are proud of their dad," he says. "They tell their schoolfriends that their heating only works because Γ m out here getting the fuel out of the ground. Yeah, I'm proud of what I've done."
Z has seen the UK's conti-

nental shelf oil develop from its earliest days, and this week he will see North Sea oil come of age: Tuesday marks its 21st birthday. In that time enough barrels

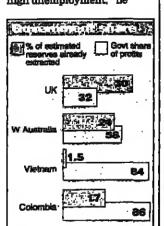
to stretch to the moon and back six times have been pumped ashore, at the cost of more than 300 lives - almost matching British losses in the Falklands war. The Government has quietly raked in more than £100 billion of

Has it been worth it? Between gulps of coffee and min-ute adjustments to the drillhead — which is sucking 140 barrels on board every minute

—Z casts some doubts. "We could have made much better use of the oil - look at Norway, or Saudi Arabia," he "Central government

doesn't want to know, as long as they get the revenue. Over in the comfortable office block, Graham Wilson, offshore installation manager of Scott — which Amerada Hess brought on-stream in 1993 — gets to the heart of the

"The North Sea subsidised monetary policy. It paid for high unemployment," be



says. "Meanwhile, the decline in manufacturing was unbe-lievable. The question is: what happens when the oil runs out what'll be left?"

Mr Wilson's complaint echoes those of many commentators on the left, who have accused successive Tors governments of squandering the proceeds of a national asset on wrong-headed economic policies and tax bribes to voters. As Nigel Lawson adapted Belloc: "Whatever

happens, we have got North Sea oil, and they have not." It is fashionable to blame the Tories for pouring the oil money down the drain. Fash-

ionable and wrong. It was Labour which started North Sea oil off on the wrong foot, opening the door for Mrs Thatcher to pour the revenue into general expenditure, ignore the unions and — until Piper Alpha turned into a fire-ball in 1968 — allow operators

ABOUR'S manifesto in 1974 prom-ised the establish-ment of a dedicated In 1978 a white paper committed the Government to an annual report on the use of North Sea oil. Despite the efforts of energy min ister Tony Benn, there was no

"So that is the end of saga of North Sea oil," Mr Benn wrote in his diary. "We are doing a sort of IMF in reverse. We are other, we are going to give it

abour's strategy but with much more money — in the mid-1980s oil taxes topped £12 billion a year — and had

Labour failed on two other counts. The newly established Health and Safety Executive (HSE), of which Michael Foot was so proud, was diluted to pacify the oil operators. By contrast to conditions in the coal mines, oil operators were not forced to consult unions about safety, and were exempt from regular HSE checks. The North Sea has never been strongly unionised, in

Despite industry fears that

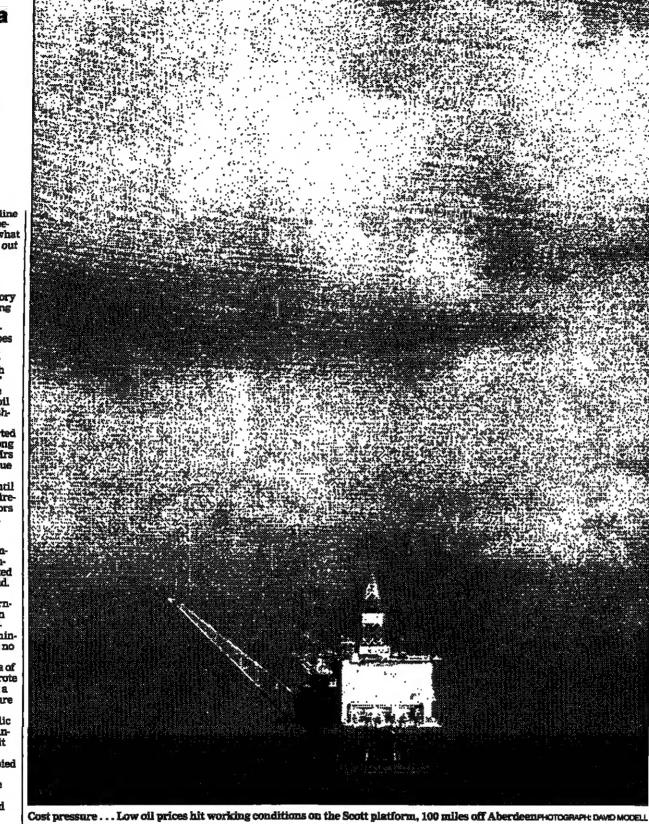
to evade safety procedures.

not putting the money into capital expenditure or public investment of one kind or anaway in tax cuts." Mrs Thatcher simply copied

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Labour would insist on



greater union recognition, by 1979 there was only one collec tive agreement in the North

three elections.

Keith Douglas, Scott's rig colleagues missed the oppor-tunity to cement union rights

have done better: "All politi-

Given the failures of the 1974-79 Labour administration, it is difficult to imagine the money could have been put to much better use if Mrs Thatcher had lost any of her

supervisor — who is studying part-time for an MBA — says: "It is difficult to see where the money has gone. Look at the NHS, for example."

He doubts Labour would

cians are the same under the surface. I can't imagine things would have been that differ-

ent, even without Thatcher. Until Piper Alpha, few people thought about the thou sands of men — and now some women — working on the rigs. The BBC's recent Roughnecks series was the first such dramatisation of oil industry

If anything, there was only a vague perception, across the the political spectrum, that the risks and lack of union support were outweighed by the huge salaries earned offis false today, if it was ever

Colin Young, Scott's radio operator, says: "Back home in the pub they call me JR, the amount of money I'm supposed to have. They think I'm a millionaire." But pressure on operators resulting from low oil prices and increasing difficulty of extraction in smaller, more complex fields,

has put a cap on wages. An ordinary driller, the archetypal roughneck, earns about \$27,000 a year — certainly not enough to buy Southfork. "Drillers are now underpaid. It's a cutthroat

business," says Mr Douglas.

"But that's capitalism. I Oil operators talk a lot abour Crine — Cost Reduction in the New Era.

Z puts it slightly differently: "It's all about money: we're not getting it: the shareholders and operators are. Considering that we're responsible for people's lives out here, we're pretty badly paid. I feel we've been let down. The oil operators are prepared to em-

Oit pace. 2 per tonne ploy cheap labour while they

rake in obscene profits." And the squeeze between low prices and tougher drilling conditions is taking its toll on the mental health of Britain's 29,000 offshore workers. Even on Scott — which Mr Wilson proudly describes as the "Rolls-Royce of the North Sea" — with its gym, cinema and pool tables, the pressure

The platform's offshore medical officer, Peter Grace, has just been told that he can no longer devote himself to health issues. Amerada Hess has laid off the two people who were responsible for managing helicopter flights, Mr Grace is having to do some of that work instead

"People can't get to see me, they don't know where I am," he says. "I can't check the equipment. I need to be there in four minutes if someone has a heart attack. How can I do that from the helideck?" He says the combination of increasing pressure to per-

form with job insecurity has pushed some people over the edge. 'I have sent three stress cases back to the beach over the last few months, compared to just one in the five years previously.

Mr Grace is no big-hearted softie. His background is in

But he says: "Workers are the heroes of the North Sea, and they just get kicked in the head. Amerada Hess used to be one of the best, but as the they get more like the BPs and Shells, who never treated

people well — that's how they've made their money. Nor are taxpavers any onger reaping the rewards of the oil money. To keep production going, the Government has sharply reduced the fiscal burden on oil companie since the price crash in 1985/ 86. In the 1995/96 tax year,

after 10 years of decline, receipts were only £2.3 billion. Some Labour insiders reckon a Blair government should slap a bigger tax bill on the oil companies to fulfil pledges on education, jobs and health. Of course, no one would dare say so publicly for fear of BP, Shell and Amerada Hess sending big cheques to Central Office. Oil companies do pay a much lower proportion of

their take to the UK Govern-ment than elsewhere, but there is some justification The UK continental shelf is a mature field. This means that the oil is harder to get out. drills now go around corriers more often than straight down. And the remaining fields are small, so the returns

Meanwhile, the aftermath of Piper Alpha has forced the industry to sharpen up its act on safety. Fewer corners are cut. The heady days of the 1980s, when a company could sink a single drill into a bage field and suck it out cheaply—

Meanwhile, younger oll eams are being discovered. In Vietnam and Mexico, the ields are big and the water shallow and calm. Compared to the North Sea, the operators have it easy — so the governments can tax more heavily.

he oil companies can probably afford to give the Exche-quer more than the current £1 in every £3, especially if the price ticks up again. But if they are asked for much more, they could up sticks and go. North Sea oil's teenage

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years, when the big bucks were made, have passed. Any amount of hoping and whining, from Labour or anyone else, won't bring them back. The high-profit days were

essociated with a culture which has also faded: of hard men risking all in a hard environment to bring in the black gold. Piper Alpha casts a long shadow. "Football needed Hillsborough; sadly, we needed Piper Alpha," say:

safety manager Alan Wilson. The men have matured along with the oilfields. Many went offshore as young buccaneers and now return to children and mortgages on "the beach". Hot heads have cooled. 'In the old days it was go-

go," says Mr Douglas, who is . now 36. "I came offshore when I was 20. We did crazy things out here and crazy things back on the beach. On leave we would get pissed for three days with the boys, then fight with the missus for days. It is less macho now — we'll go home to see our kids and have a cup of tea."

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Sun, sea and the Net



Nicholas Bannister

OING on holiday? Well, don't forget to pack the digital camera, the laptop computer. the battery recharger, the modem, and the appropri-ate power and telephone line adaptors. For the age of the electronic postcard is upon us, or so Kodak executives would have us believe.

Only a couple of months after launching a new filmbased camera system to replace 35mm in the mass market, the company has now introduced a digital camera aimed at the con-

sumer market.
At the same time, it is offering a free package en-abling people to e-mail their pictures to friends on the Internet with very little hassle, and introducing special software that will make image manipulation easy for amateurs.

Kodak's ambition is to encourage people to do more

with their photographs than just stick them in an album or shove them in a drawer. It estimates that only 3 per cent of the six billion photos taken every year are ever reprocessed in any way — reprints, en-largements and the like. The new digital camer

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light and small enough to fit into a shirt pocket, takes a limited number of pictures of barely adequate resolution. These are then down-loaded on to a PC, where they can be manipulated.

The company expects this combination of cameras and PCs will be used to create cards which can either be printed out or sent to others over the Internet. Its executives see holiday makers, for example, taking digital photos rather than

picking their way through racks of postcards. They would then send them off, with appropriate messages, as postcards to friends — via computer and phone line. The person receiving the file needs the software to see it, but Kodak helpfully tacks a message to the file explaining how it can be

downloaded, free of charge, from its Web site. It's a lovely vision, but it doesn't take into account that few people going on holiday will be prepared to burden themselves with all the necessary equipment.

However, the £349 digital camera, which went on sale in the US and Britain this week, is an indicator that mass-market consumer photography is only just around the corner.

The camera's one mega

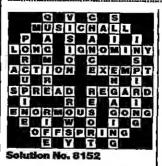
byte of memory means that it can take only eight pic-tures of reasonable resolution or 16 of poor resolution. But if and when digital photography becomes more popular, chip prices will come down, opening the way for more memory and consequently better resolu-tion. The latter is needed, because currently available print-outs, even on the best

ink-jet colour printers likely to be found in the home, are still pretty fuzzy. But it is unlikely to become a substitute for tradi-tional film-based photography for consumers until high-resolution pictures can be taken and PCs and high-quality printers are

commonplace in the home.

A mass-market pocket camera which would take both film-based and electronic pictures would be your breath. Shrinking the components will be hard enough. That will probably not be as difficult as persuading the film and digital disciplines within the photographic industry to work

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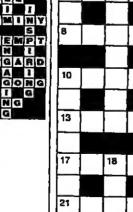
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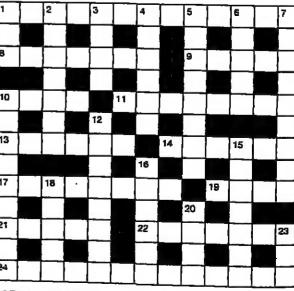
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